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--CONTROL!

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SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG MASTER OF CHAOS CONTROL

METAL SONIC EVIL ROBOT DOUBLE

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Living WEAPONS

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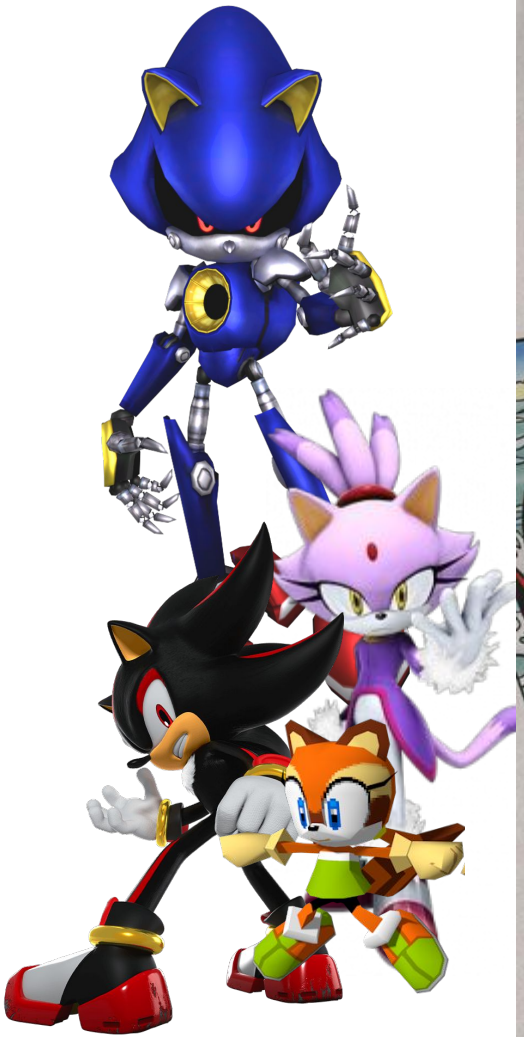


WE'VE DUELED ACROSS TWO WORLDS NOW, X AND WE ARE FINALLY SOMEWHERE SAFE TO TALK.

X SEE STH #196 AND SX #40 FOR THE FULL STORY!

YOU ARE A *THINKING* MACHINE, METAL SONIC. A LIVING WEAPON, LIKE ME. DO NOT LET THE DOCTOR USE YOU AS HE HAS USED ME.

DATA-ENTRY: SUBJECT'S ROCKET-SOLED SHOES ALLOW FOR LIMITED HOVERING CAPABILITY. ZERO FLIGHT CAPABILITY.

>>SEARCHING...
>>SUBJECT'S ABILITY TO SWIM UNKNOWN.
>>CONSIDERED LOW TO NONEXISTENT.
>>INITIATE SEARCH FOR LOCAL FORM OF DR. ROBOTNIK.

BLAST IT! I WONDER HOW FAR IT IS TO SHORE...?

AHOY THERE!

THE OCEAN TORNADO

NEED A LIFT, MATE?

BLAZE THE CAT OTHERWORLDLY PRINCESS

MARINE THE RACCOON BUDDING MECHANIST

A MINUTE LATER...

CRIKEY, HE'S A SINISTER LOOKIN' ONE, AIN'T HE, BLAZE?

NOT TO MENTION FAMILIAR.

ARE YOU RELATED TO SONIC THE HEDGEHOG?

NO, BUT OUR PATHS HAVE CROSSED. I AM SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG.

OY! YOU HEAR THAT? "SHADOW"! BET YOU'RE FULL OF MYSTERY, AND DANGER, eh?

WELCOME ABOARD THE OCEAN TORNADO, SHADOW.

I SEE. THANK YOU FOR THE RESCUE.

HOW DID YOU WIND UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN?

G'DAY! I'M MARINE! IT'S MY BOAT! AIN'T SHE A BEAUT? I'LL TAKE THAT TOWEL FOR YA!

I HAVE BEEN DUELING WITH A ROBOT CALLED METAL SONIC. IT HAS SOME KIND OF ENGINE THAT CAN MOVE IT BETWEEN ZONES. USING MY OWN CHAOS CONTROL ABILITIES, I HAVE FOLLOWED IT HERE.

STREWTH!?

I ASSUME "HERE" IS NOT MOBIUS?

I'M AFRAID NOT. MY NAME IS BLAZE, AND THIS IS MY WORLD.

SHE'S A PRINCESS!

AND THIS IS MARINE...

I ALREADY TOLD HIM THAT!

...WHO HELPED TO CONSTRUCT THIS SHIP.

AND CAPTAIN IT!

THEN WHY DON'T YOU CAPTAIN US TOWARDS THE NEAREST PORT, MARIE?

THAT'S "MARINE", YA HALF-EMPTY GULLY SACK. AND MAYBE I WILL.

WHAT CAN I SAY? IT'S HER SHIP.

Hmph. TELL ME--IF THIS IS YOUR WORLD, HOW DO YOU KNOW SONIC?

IT'S A BIT OF A TALE.

I AM DESTINED TO PROTECT THE SEVEN SOL EMERALDS. NOT LONG AGO, THEY DISAPPEARED

MY CONNECTION WITH THE GEMS PRESENTED ME WITH VISIONS. I SAW THOSE I WOULD NEED TO SEEK OUT.

FOLLOWING THEIR ENERGIES, I FOUND MY WAY TO A MYSTERIOUS CROSS-ROADS THAT LED ME TO YOUR MOBIUS.*

I FOUND ONE OF THOSE I'D SEEN IN MY VISIONS, THAT IS WHEN I MET SONIC.

OUR FIRST MEETING... DIDN'T GO WELL.**

*SONIC'S THERE RIGHT NOW IN STH #197!

**NO, IT DIDN'T-- SEE STH #160-161 TO SEE HOW BAD!

NOT LONG AFTER, A FREAK STORM BROUGHT SONIC AND HIS FRIEND, TAILS, TO MY WORLD. I BELIEVE MY SOL EMERALDS AND THEIR POWER WERE INVOLVED WITH THEIR ARRIVAL.
THEY WERE FOUND BY MARINE, WHO HAD ALSO FOUND ONE OF YOUR CHAOS EMERALDS.
THE CHAOS EMERALD WAS STOLEN BY A ROBOT PIRATE NAMED JOHNNY, AND WHILE HE GOT AWAY AT THE TIME...*
*REMEMBER? FROM STH #180!
...THE FOUR OF US WERE UNITED. WE SAILED FROM ISLAND TO ISLAND, SEARCHING FOR CLUES.

WE TRACKED DOWN THE PIRATE LEADER, CAPTAIN WHISKERS, AND THE VILLAIN WHO WAS ORCHESTRATING EVERYTHING. WE CONFRONTED THEM...
STREWTH! AND THEN I WENT ALL CRAZY ON 'EM AND SAVED THE DAY!
OOOOH!
I hope she'll be my best friend!
THEN SONIC, BEIN' THE BONZER BLOKE HE IS, GAVE THE CHAOS EMERALD TO BLAZE SO SHE COULD FIND THE OTHER SOL EMERALDS AND I BUILT THEM A BOAT TO TAKE THEM HOME AND TAILS WAS SO IMPRESSED HE COULDN'T SPEAK!
STREWTH. PROMISE.

WOULD YOU PLEASE JUST PULL US INTO PORT?
BLIMEY! YOU TRY TO TELL A GOOD STORY AND THEY CRAWL ALL OVER YOU...
PERHAPS MY MISSION CAN BE SALVAGED AFTER ALL.
WHAT MISSION?
I WAS TRYING TO BREACH THE SPECIAL ZONE AND ACQUIRE A CHAOS EMERALD BEFORE I WAS SIDE-TRACKED BY METAL SONIC.
I SEE.
ONCE WE'RE TOPSIDE ON SOUTHERN ISLAND, I CAN...
OY! BLAZE!
WHAT, MARINE?
...DO YOU SMELL SMOKE?

WE'RE UNDER ATTACK! THE CAPTAIN MUST HAVE A DEATH WISH.
PRINCESS! THANK HEAVENS! IT CAME FROM NOWHERE...
I'M SURE YOU FOUGHT BRAVELY. IS IT WHISKERS' CREW?
NO! SOMETHING WORSE! IT KEEPS DEMANDING TO SEE A DOCTOR, BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHO...
RESIDENT. YOU WILL PROVIDE THIS UNIT WITH THE LOCATION OF YOUR DR. ROBOTNIK. YOU WILL COMPLY IMMEDIATELY.

YOUR "METAL SONIC"?
YES. HOPEFULLY I CAN REASON WITH IT AND MAKE IT BACK DOWN.
IT IS ATTACKING MY PEOPLE.
IT DOESN'T GET A CHANCE TO BACK DOWN!
>>HOSTILES DETECTED. >>ENGAGING.
WOO-KOW

MONSTER!
I'LL TEAR YOU APART!
NOTHING IN THIS WORLD IS AS FAST OR AS POWERFUL AS I AM!
HAS.
HOW--?!

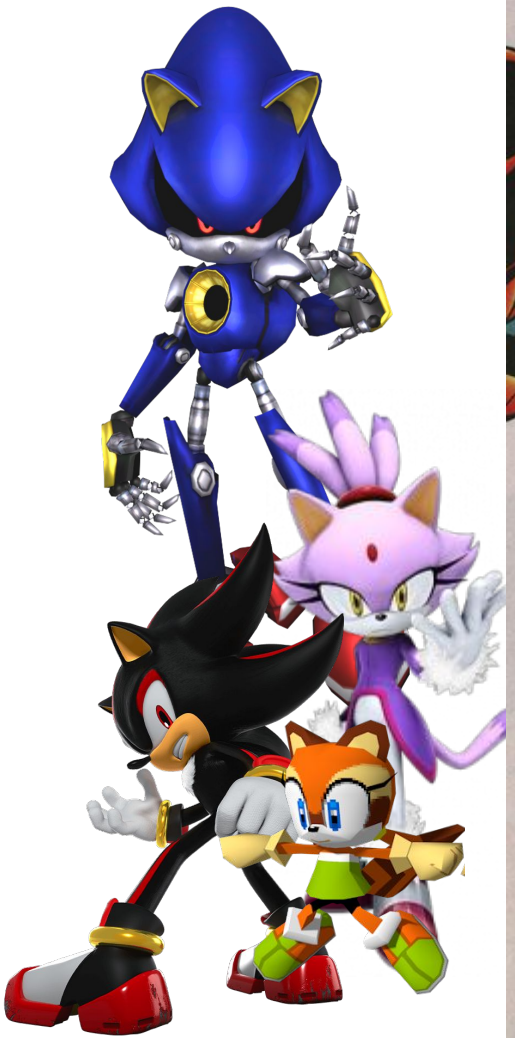
I AM SORRY I BROUGHT THIS UPON YOUR WORLD.
IT WILL BE REMOVED JUST AS EASILY.
CHAOS--!
?!?

HA! I GOTCHA NOW! YOU MADE A BIG MISTAKE ANGERING THE GREAT CAPTAIN MARINE!
TAKE THAT! AND THAT! SORRY NOW, YA SHINY JERK?
WHEEEE! I MEAN-- CUT THAT OUT!
YOU WON'T THROW ME OFF THAT EASILY!
CLOD

CHAOS--!
--SPEAR-HRK!
MOVE, MARY!
I'M WORKIN' HERE! AND IT'S "MARINE"!
SKYOW
ARGH!
CRIKEY!

MARINE!
RRRGH... IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY, METAL SONIC.
I KNOW YOU ARE CAPABLE OF MORE THAN THIS. WANTON DESTRUCTION IS BENEATH YOU. DON'T BE LED ASTRAY AS I WAS.
YOU ARE ONLY A WEAPON IN THE DOCTOR'S EYES. A TOOL. SOMETHING ONLY FOR MISERY AND DESTRUCTION.
LET US PUT OUR BATTLE BEHIND US. REJECT THE DOCTOR. HELP ME SAVE OUR WORLD.

>>PROCESSING.
YOUR MISSION IS TO PROTECT MOBIUS, THAT IS YOUR "FUNCTION".
I SUPPOSE. YES.
THIS UNIT'S FUNCTION IS TO SERVE DR. ROBOTNIK. BOTH LIVING WEAPONS. BOTH OPERATING TO ACHIEVE THEIR FUNCTION.
YOU ARE NOT DIFFERENT. YOU SIMPLY HAVE AN OPPOSING FUNCTION. THIS UNIT MUST DESTROY YOU. YOU MUST DESTROY THIS UNIT.
I REALLY WISH YOU DID NOT SEE IT THAT WAY.



NOW, BLAZE!
FWOOMP
POW
NICE KNOWIN' YOU, MATE.
ALL CANNONS--
FIRE!
POOM
BLAM

SHORTLY...
YAHOO!!!
THAT WAS RIPPER! DID YOU SEE HOW HE BLEW UP?!
YES. ALONG WITH THE DIMENSIONAL ENGINE THAT WAS MY ONLY WAY HOME.
Ah! RIGHT... Hrm.
SINCE YOU BLEW IT UP, PERHAPS YOU COULD BUILD ME A BOAT AS YOU DID TAILS?
Ah... SEE... IT WAS MORE LIKE HE BUILT IT AND I... OVERSAW... DEVELOPMENT?

BE PATIENT WITH HER. SHE MEANS WELL.
A CHAOS EMERALD!
YOU'RE GIVING IT TO ME FREELY?
THANKS TO SONIC'S GENEROSITY, I'VE FOUND A FEW OF THE SOL EMERALDS. THEY'LL SERVE FOR THE REST OF MY SEARCH.
NOW I CAN RETURN THE FAVOR BY HELPING ONE OF HIS FRIENDS FIND HIS WAY HOME.
FRIEND...? I SUPPOSE.
IT'S NOT OFTEN MY LIFE IS SAVED TWICE IN ONE DAY.
THANK YOU, PRINCESS.
PLEASE, JUST CALL ME BLAZE. SAFE TRAVELS, SHADOW.
CHAOS--!

MOBIUS--
G.U.N. HQ
WHERE IS HE?
COMMANDER ABRAHAM TOWER
CHIEF OF G.U.N.
I MEAN, IS HE OKAY? WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE SPECIAL ZONE.
FOR ALL I KNOW I SENT HIM TO THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN, OR THE MOON, OR...
HOPE KINTOBOR
GIRL GENIUS
--CONTROL!
IT WORKED! HE'S BACK!
HOW WAS THE SPECIAL ZONE, SHADOW?
I WOULDN'T KNOW. YOUR TRANSPORTER NEEDS WORK, HOPE.

THEN WHERE DID THIS...?
AGENT SHADOW.
COMMANDER TOWER, SIR. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.
YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY TO BECOMING MY TOP AGENT. ANY TROUBLE?
NONE, ASIDE FROM CROSSING THREE ZONES AND NEUTRALIZING THE LATEST METAL SONIC.
BUT HE GOT A CHAOS EMERALD LIKE YOU ASKED HIM TO!
PRECISELY
GOOD JOB, AGENT SHADOW. REST UP. YOUR NEXT MISSION DEPARTS TONIGHT.
That's the end of another Metal Sonic, but what about the real one?
It's a race against time and a glance to the past in the next
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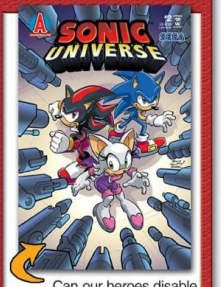

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Find out the week of 4/6/09!

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Sonic better outrun the fiery fury of the Phoenix, or you can kiss big blue goodbye!

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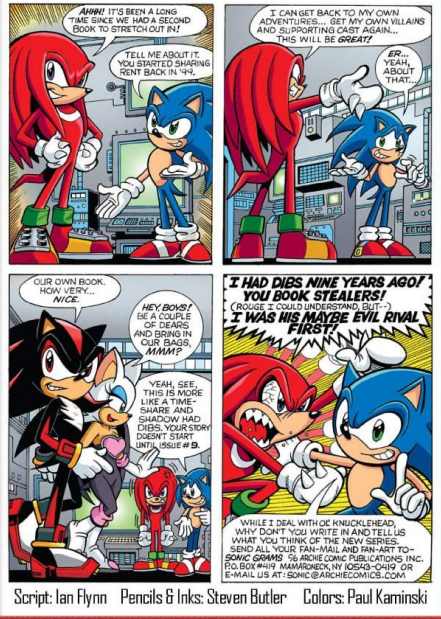
AHHH! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE HAD A SECOND BOOK TO STRETCH OUT IN!
TELL ME ABOUT IT. YOU STARTED SHARING RENT BACK IN '99.
I CAN GET BACK TO MY OWN ADVENTURES... GET MY OWN VILLAINS AND SUPPORTING CAST AGAIN... THIS WILL BE GREAT!
ER... YEAH, ABOUT THAT...
OUR OWN BOOK. HOW VERY... NICE.
HEY BOYS! BE A COUPLE OF DEARS AND BRING IN OUR BAGS, MMM?
YEAH, SEE, THIS IS MORE LIKE A TIME-SHARE AND SHADOW HAD DIBS. YOUR STORY DOESN'T START UNTIL ISSUE #9.
I HAD DIBS NINE YEARS AGO! YOU BOOK STEALERS! (ROUGE I COULD UNDERSTAND, BUT--) I WAS HIS MAYBE EVIL RIVAL FIRST!
WHILE I DEAL WITH OL' KNUCKLEHEAD, WHY DON'T YOU WRITE IN AND TELL US WHAT YOU THINK OF THE NEW SERIES. SEND ALL YOUR FAN-MAIL AND FAN-ART TO- SONIC GRAMS % ARCHIE COMIC PUBLICATIONS INC. P.O. BOX #419 MAMARONECK, NY 10543-0419 OR E-MAIL US AT: SONIC@ARCHIECOMICS.COM

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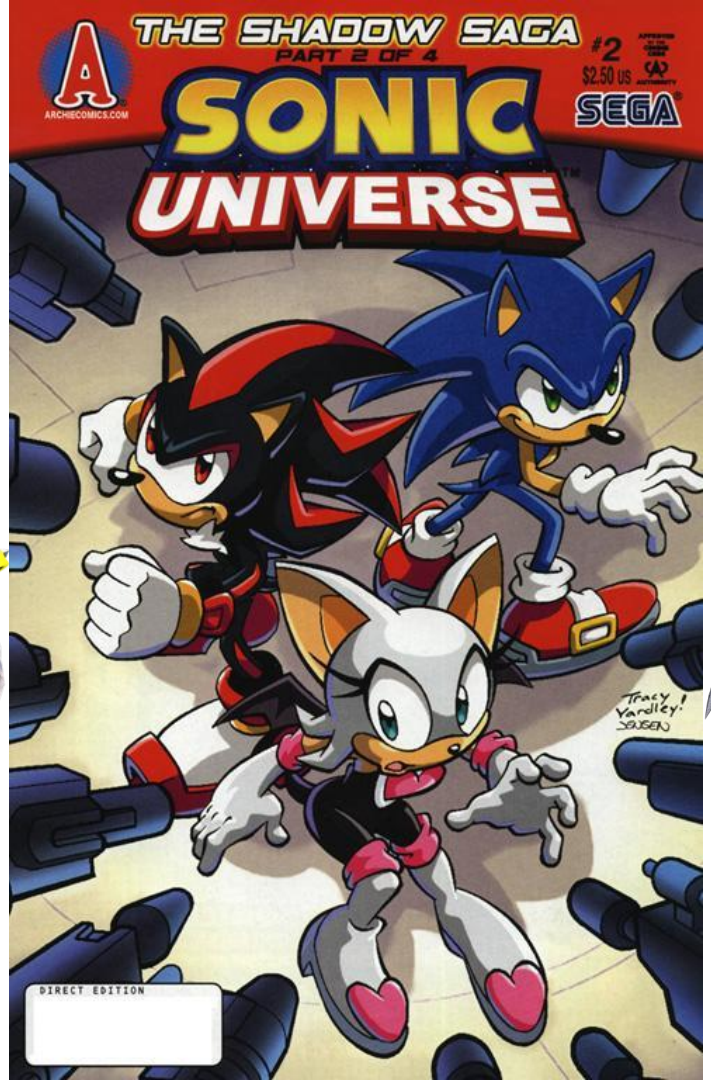
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PRISON ISLAND-- WHITE JUNGLE ONE YEAR AGO

I FOUND YOU, FAKER!

FAKER? I THINK YOU'RE THE FAKE HEDGEHOG AROUND HERE.

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YOU'RE COMPARING YOURSELF TO ME?

YOU'RE NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO BE MY FAKE.

I'LL MAKE YOU EAT THOSE WORDS!

THIS IS ROUGE. I'M IN THE VAULTS. THOSE EXTRA SIX EMERALDS ARE AS GOOD AS OURS!

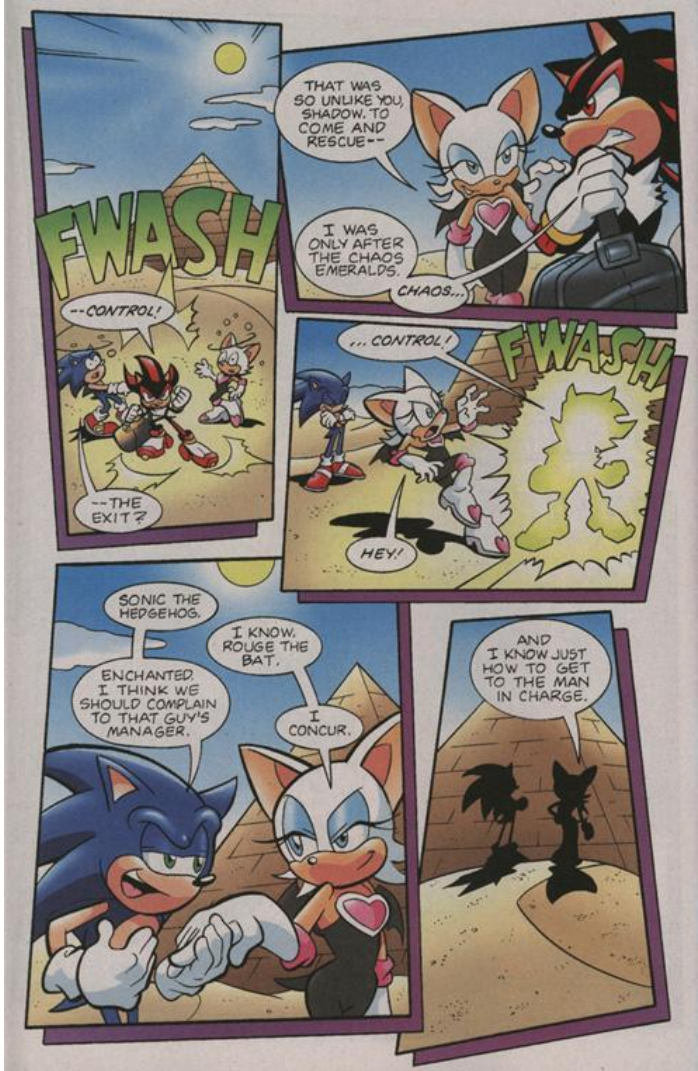
TONK!
TONK!
HZZZMAH...?
WAKE UP, BLUE HEDGEHOG. WE NEED TO TALK.
NEW MEGAOPOLIS-- OUTSIDE THE EGGDOME PRESENT DAY
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HERO OF MOBIUS
SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG LIVING WEAPON
YAWN!

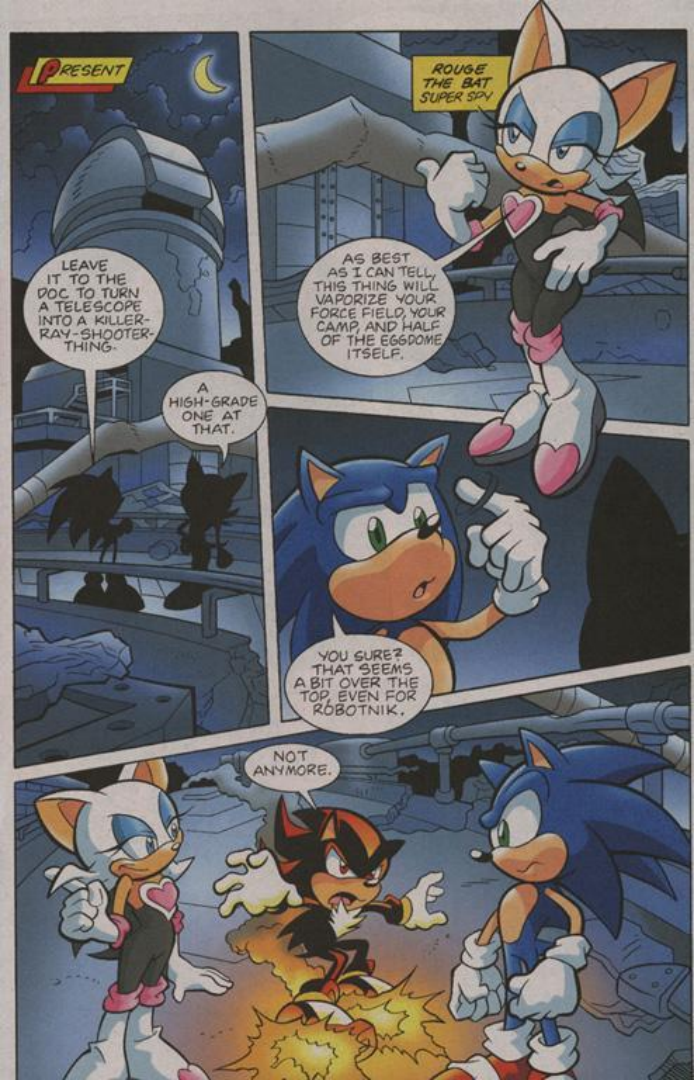
EVENING, FAKER.
COME TO JOIN THE INVASION?
OTHER WAY AROUND, ACTUALLY.
ROUGE AND I ARE ON A SUPPORT MISSION. I THOUGHT YOU'D WANT IN.
SOUNDS COOL. LET ME WAKE UP THE OTHERS AND WE'LL GO.
NO. IT'S A SMALL, SURGICAL STRIKE. THIS IS SIMPLY A COURTESY CALL.
BY EXCLUSIVE INVITATION ONLY, huh?
I CAN WORK WITH THAT.
BE RIGHT WITH YA!
THOOMP

ALRIGHT! SO WHERE'S THE PARTY?
ROUGE IS WAITING AT THE RENDEZVOUS POINT THREE CLICKS TO NORTHEAST. IT'S A LARGE CONVERTED OBSERVATORY.
COOL. RACE YA!
Hmph!

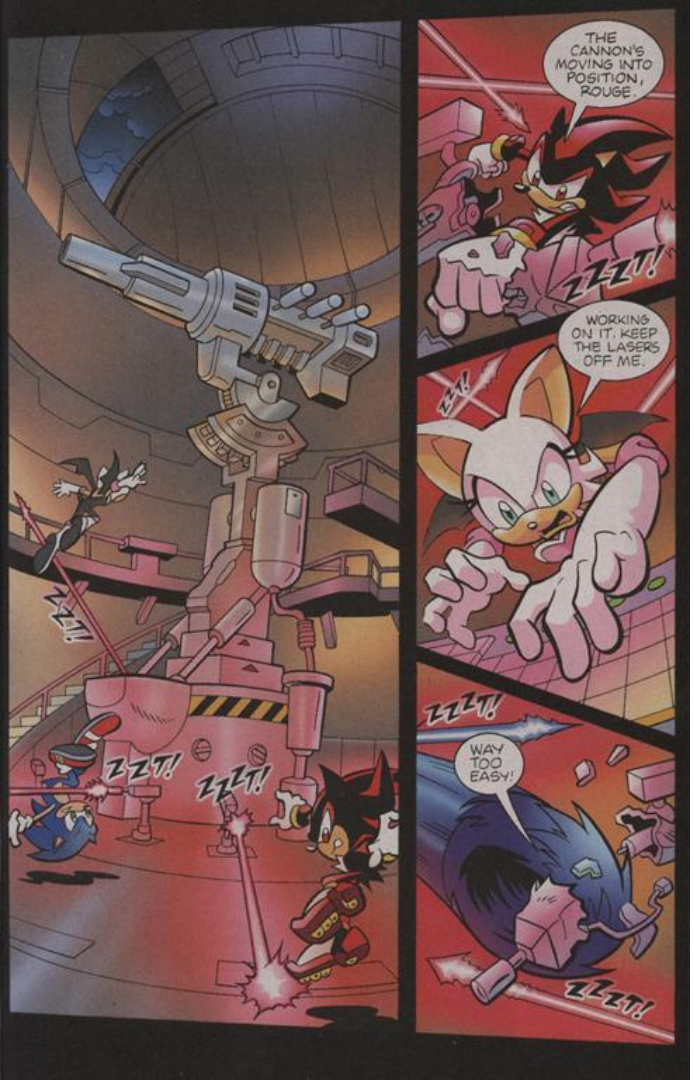
ONE YEAR AGO
THIS IS ROBOTNIK! I'VE SET THE CHARGES! THE ISLAND WILL BLOW IN FIVE MINUTES!
WAIT-- EXPLODE?
BAH! SHADOW, RENDEZVOUS WITH ME. WE'LL DIG THE EMERALDS OUT OF THE ASHES.
THAT'S... A PROBLEM. ROUGE HERE. THE VAULT'S GONE INTO LOCK-DOWN AND I'M... WELL...
NOT COOL! LOOK, I'LL HELP YOU RESCUE YOUR FRIEND. TRUCE FOR NOW?
FOR NOW.

05:00
03:00
04:00
02:00
01:00
MY HERO.
CHAOS--!
QUICK, WHICH WAY IS--


THAT WAS SO UNLIKE YOU, SHADOW, TO COME AND RESCUE--
I WAS ONLY AFTER THE CHAOS EMERALDS.
CHAOS...
FWASH
--CONTROL!
--THE EXIT?
...CONTROL!
FWASH
HEY!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.
ENCHANTED. I THINK WE SHOULD COMPLAIN TO THAT GUY'S MANAGER.
I KNOW, ROUGE THE BAT.
I CONCUR.
AND I KNOW JUST HOW TO GET TO THE MAN IN CHARGE.

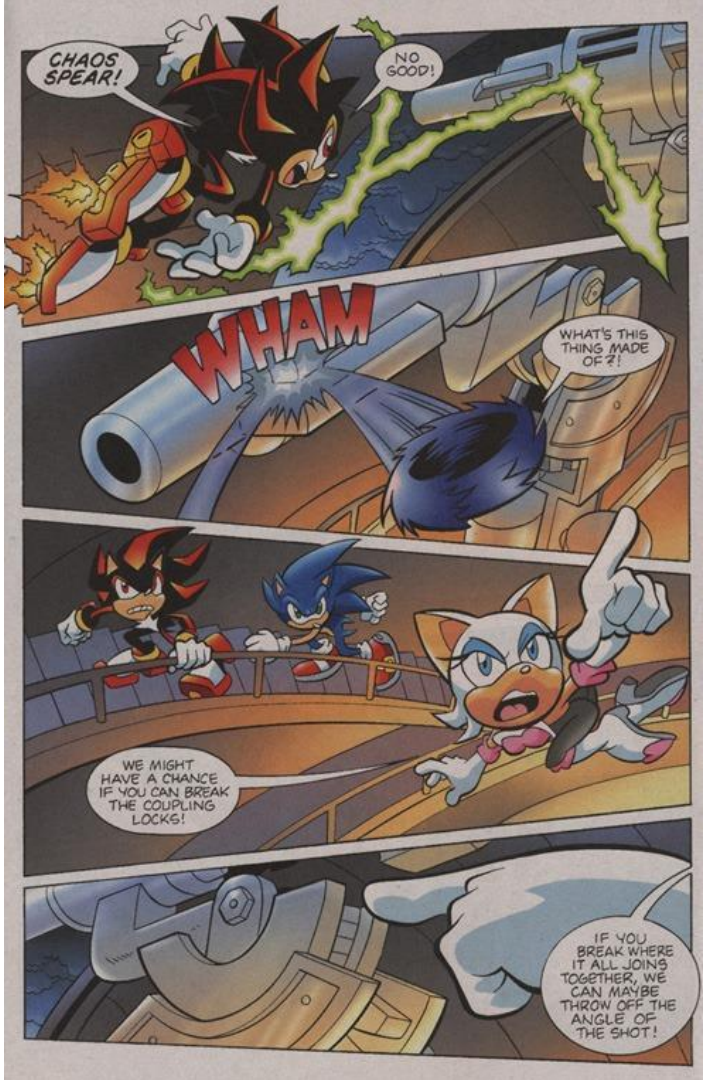

PRESENT
ROUGE THE BAT SUPER SPY
LEAVE IT TO THE DOC. TO TURN A TELESCOPE INTO A KILLER-RAY-SHOOTER-THING.
AS BEST AS I CAN TELL, THIS THING WILL VAPORIZE YOUR FORCE FIELD, YOUR CAMP, AND HALF OF THE EGGDOME ITSELF.
A HIGH-GRADE ONE AT THAT.
YOU SURE? THAT SEEMS A BIT OVER THE TOP, EVEN FOR ROBOTNIK.
NOT ANYMORE.

WE BELIEVE THE DOCTOR IS LOSING HIS LAST HOLD ON REALITY. THIS IS BUT ONE MORE PIECE OF EVIDENCE.
NICE OF YOU TO SHOW UP. GET LOST?
YOU HAD A HEAD START.
AND I THINK YOU'RE OFF, FAKER. EGGMAN'S A FEW CHIPS SHY OF A MOTHERBOARD, BUT HE'S NOT THAT FAR GONE.
BELIEVE WHAT YOU WANT. JUST DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HIM WHEN YOUR TIME COMES.
LET'S PSYCHOANALYZE THE DOCTOR LATER AND TAKE CARE OF THE DOOM LASER FIRST, hmm?
THE LADY HAS A POINT.
COVER ME WHILE I HACK THE SYSTEM, BOYS!
CRASH


THE CANNON'S MOVING INTO POSITION, ROUGE.
ZZZT!
WORKING ON IT. KEEP THE LASERS OFF ME.
ZZZT!
ZZZT!
ZZZT!
ZZZT!
WAY TOO EASY!
ZZZT!

PRESENT
POW
YOW!
THAT CANNON'S MOVING ALONG PRETTY QUICK, ROUGE!
ONE YEAR AGO
ZAP
HOW ARE YOU COMING WITH THAT KEY, ROUGE?
PRESENT
GAH!
I TRIGGERED SOME KIND OF SELF-DESTRUCT ON THE CONSOLE!
PFFFZZZT
I CAN'T STOP THE CANNON!

ONE YEAR AGO
YOU DO KNOW HOW TO FLY THIS THING, RIGHT?
STRAP IN AND HOLD ON, AND WE'LL FIND OUT!
BWOOM
PRESENT
YOU'RE SURE WE CAN'T STOP IT?
NOT QUIETLY OR CLEANLY.
THEN WE DO NEITHER.


CHAOS SPEAR!
NO GOOD!
WHAM
WHAT'S THIS THING MADE OF?!
WE MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE IF YOU CAN BREAK THE COUPLING LOCKS!
IF YOU BREAK WHERE IT ALL JOINS TOGETHER, WE CAN MAYBE THROW OFF THE ANGLE OF THE SHOT!

ONE YEAR AGO
OUT OF THE WAY, FAKER! I'M NOT LETTING THAT ECLIPSE CANNON FIRE!
I PROMISED THE WORLD REVENGE!
I WILL NOT BE DENIED!
HATE TO DISAPPOINT, BUT THERE'S A FEW BILLION FOLKS DOWN THERE WHO WILL THANK ME LATER!
CHAOS...
...SPEAR!
AUGH!
SHADOW, STOP! IT'S ROUGE. I'VE GOT A VIDEO HERE I THINK YOU SHOULD SEE...

PRESENT
I'VE GOT THE LEFT LOCK-THINGIE!
I'LL TAKE RIGHT.
CREEEAK
CRASH!
NO!
WE JUST PUT IT AT THE ANGLE TO FIRE!

ONE YEAR AGO

GyAAAAAH!

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WAS THAT...

...CHAOS CONTROL?!

THE BEAST HAS FUSED WITH THE ARK! IT'S PULLING US TOWARDS MOBIUS!

MARIA... I FAILED YOU.

NOT SO FAST, FAKER. WE'VE GOT SEVEN TRUMP CARDS RIGHT HERE.

ONE YEAR AGO

HEY, UGLY! THAT'S MY PLANET! NO TOUCHIE!

PRESENT

I'M TAKING OFF MY INHIBITOR RINGS. HOPEFULLY THAT'LL GIVE ME ENOUGH POWER TO DIVERT THE LASER.

GOOD LUCK, SHADOW.

CHAOS--
--CONTROL!!!
TIME TO PUT THE ARK BACK INTO ORBIT!
NOW, SONIC!
CHAOS CONTROL!!!

SHADOW!
THIS IS WHAT YOU WANTED...
...WASN'T IT...
...MARIA?
WHA--?
YEAH, WE'RE NOT GOING THROUGH THAT AGAIN.

AND SO...
WELL, BETWEEN THE OVER-POWERED SHOT AND SHADOW'S TECHNIQUE, THE THING IS OFFICIALLY BEYOND REPAIR.
DOESN'T THAT JUST BREAK YOUR HEART.
GET SOME REST, BLUE HEDGEHOG. YOU HAVE A BIG FIGHT AHEAD OF YOU TOMORROW.
NOT PLANNING ON STEALING MY SPOTLIGHT, FAKER?
NO.
I OWE YOU MUCH. THE LEAST I CAN DO IS STAND ASIDE AND LET YOU FINISH THINGS WITH THE DOCTOR. THIS IS YOUR FIGHT.
WOW. I APPRECIATE THAT, SHADOW.
GOOD LUCK, SONIC.

MY-MY-MY!
WHAT?
LOOK HOW FAR YOUR RELATIONSHIP HAS COME!
Hmph.
HE HAS MY RESPECT, THAT'S ALL.
OF COURSE. FAR TOO SCANDALOUS FOR YOU TWO TO BE FRIENDS.
SHADOW'S NOT DONE WITH DR. ROBOTNIK'S WEAPONS YET!
CAN HE TURN ONE TO G.U.N.'S CAUSE, OR WILL THE NEWEST BADNIK PROVE LETHAL?
THE NEXT STORY HAS IT ALL—FROM A TO Z!
OR SHOULD WE SAY
GAMMA TO OMEGA?

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BETTER HOLD ON TIGHT... BECAUSE YOU KNOW THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN **LIVING WEAPONS COLLIDE!**

COMIN' AT YA THE WEEK OF 5/11/09!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: 199

ALL. OUT. **WAR!** BE HERE WHEN OUR HEROES GO... KNOCKING ON EGGMAN'S DOOR!

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 4/20/09!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG in OFF PANEL

SO... WAIT. SONIC ADVENTURE 2 CAME IN 2001, RIGHT?
AND THEY'RE ONLY DOING THE FULL STORY NOW?!
SO, WHAT THEY'LL GET AROUND TO SONIC HEROES IN 2004? HAT HA!
OH, HEY, KNUCKLES. HEY, SONIC, READING THE SCRIPTS FOR THIS ISSUE?
SURE AM!
'TIS FUNNY... I DON'T SHOW UP UNTIL SONIC UNIVERSE #4...
BUT YOU'RE IN THE SECOND ISSUE... I WAS IN SONIC ADVENTURE 2 TOO, Y'KNOW. WHAT'S GOING ON, BLOCK?
HEY Y'KNOW, ABOUT THAT. UH... YOU EXPLAIN IT TO HIM, SHADOW?
CHAOS CONTROL
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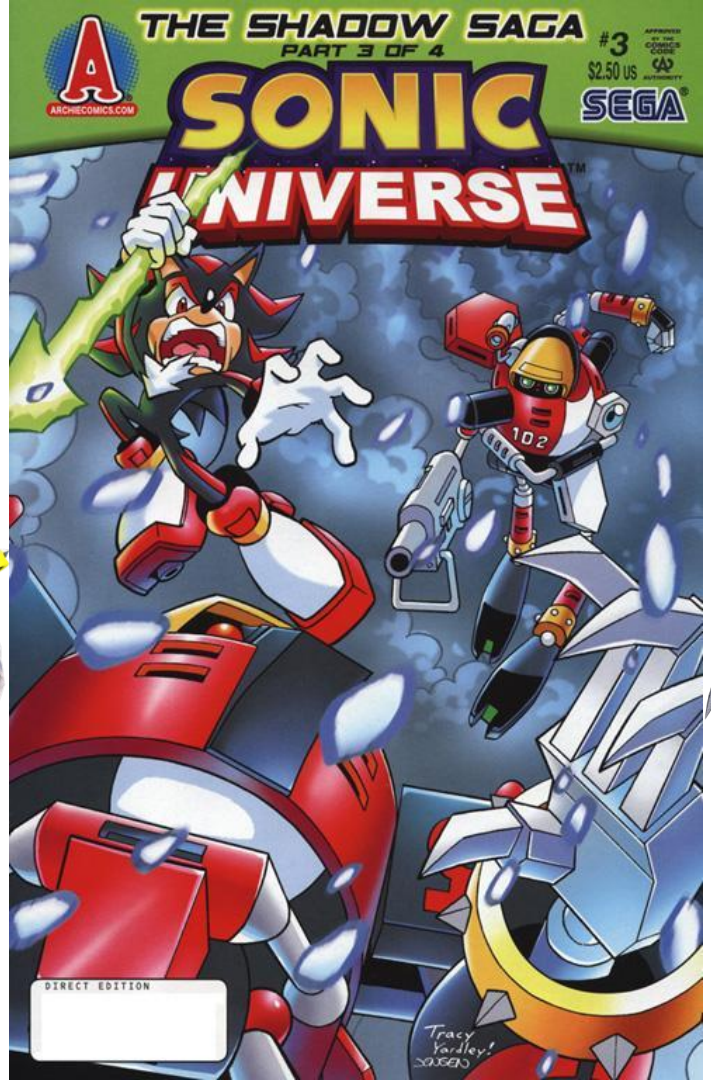
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G.U.N. HQ -- BRIEFING ROOM
THIS IS THE E-102 OF DR. ROBOTNIK'S E-100 SERIES; CODENAMED "GAMMA". IT AND ITS KIND WERE MEANT TO BE ELITE FIGHTING MACHINES...
102
COMMANDER ABRAHAM TOWER CHIEF OF G.U.N.
NEW MEGAOPOLIS -- EGGDOME
...BUT THE BLASTED THING WENT ROGUE! IT PERFORMED MARVELOUSLY UP UNTIL THE EGG CARRIER WENT DOWN AND HAS BEEN A PAIN EVER SINCE!*
102
DR. IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK GLOBAL TYRANT
* WAAAAAY BACK IN STH#82 & SSS #13!
OLD SOLDIERS
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FROM THERE IT WENT ABOUT DESTROYING YOUR "BROTHERS" ONE BY ONE. IF AN OUTPOST OF MINE WAS GUARDED BY AN E-100 UNIT, GAMMA WOULD TAKE IT DOWN!
EVEN BETA, WHO SHOWED SO MUCH PROMISE, WAS DESTROYED. A PITY, TOO. I WOULDN'T HAVE WASTED THE TIME UPGRADING IT OTHERWISE.
AFTER THE LAST KNOWN E-100 UNIT WAS DESTROYED, GAMMA CONTINUED TO TRAVEL THE WORLD FIGHTING THE EGGMAN EMPIRE.
GAMMA HAS NEVER OPENLY HELPED OR ALLIED WITH ANY OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTER CELLS DURING ITS TRAVELS. THIS HAS TO CHANGE.

WORKING SOLO FOR SO LONG IS WEARING THE ROBOT DOWN. GAMMA'S DONE EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE WORLD, AND NOW IT NEEDS OUR HELP.

YOUR MISSION IS TO PIN-POINT GAMMA'S LOCATION AND RECRUIT HIM INTO G.U.N. *BEFORE* ROBOTNIK'S FORCES MANAGE TO TRACK HIM DOWN.

SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG AGENT OF G.U.N.

THAT SHOULD PROVE SIMPLE ENOUGH.

E-123 "OMEGA" WALKING ARSENAL

I REFUSE!

YOUR MISSION IS TO FIND THAT TRAITOR AND REDUCE IT TO SLAG! THAT SHOULD PROVE SIMPLE ENOUGH FOR YOU.

YOU CAN'T TURN TRAITOR ALREADY! YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN ACTIVE FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS!

*EXACTLY. I HAVE BEEN IN STORAGE FOR OVER A YEAR. I WAS DESIGNED TO DESTROY SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. WHY IS MY FIRST MISSION **NOT** TO DESTROY SONIC THE HEDGEHOG?*

BECAUSE THE RODENT IS *MINE!* NOW DO AS YOU'RE TOLD OR I'LL PUT YOU BACK INTO STORAGE FOR ANOTHER DECADE!

YOU DEPLOY AS SOON AS YOU'RE PREPARED.

I'M ON MY WAY TO THE HANGAR, THEN.

YOU DON'T WANT *ANY* SUPPORT?

PLEASE. I AM THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM. I CAN HANDLE THIS ALONE.

THAT, AND AFTER MY FAILING TO SAVE METAL SONIC,* I NEED TO PROVE TO MYSELF THAT I CAN DO THIS. I WILL NOT LET ANOTHER LIVING WEAPON BE LOST.

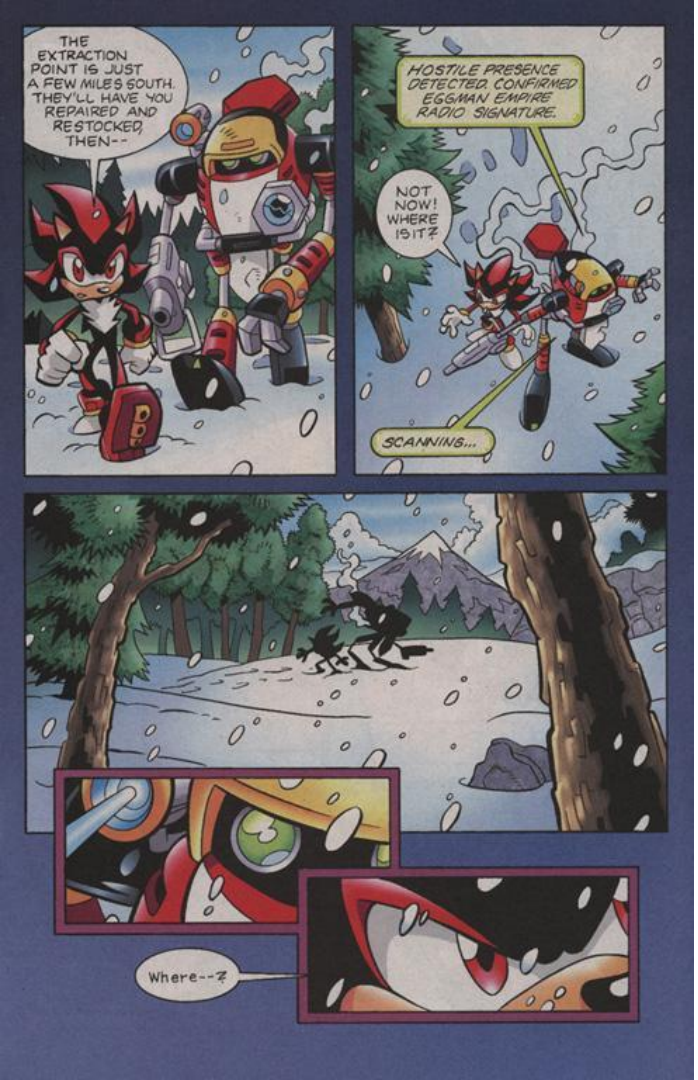
*HURRY AND GRAB SONIC UNIVERSE #1 BEFORE IT SELLS OUT!

HOPEFULLY THE DATA ON GAMMA'S LAST KNOWN POSITION IS ACCURATE, OR THIS WILL ALL BE FOR NOTHING.
YOU'RE IT?
I'M ALL THAT'S NEEDED. ARE YOU PREPARED?
GOOD TO GO.
THEN HURRY UP AND TAKE OFF.
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS WISE, SIR?
E-123 HAS MORE FIREPOWER THAN ALL OF THE OLD BADNIK HORDE COMBINED.
I DON'T WANT ANYTHING DISTRACTING ME OR MY NEW WEAPON FROM MY MUCH-NEEDED REMATCH WITH THE RODENT.
OF COURSE. IN THAT CASE, LEIN-DA REPORTS THAT THE DARK EGG LEGION IS ABOUT TO ENGAGE THE ADVANCING FREEDOM FIGHTERS.*
PERFECT! THAT WILL GIVE ME JUST ENOUGH TIME TO PRESS MY SCARE!
SNIVELY ROBOTNIK NEPHEW & TOADY
* SEE FOR YOURSELF IN STH# 199!

HOURS LATER
WE'RE OVER THE DROP ZONE!
IT'S ABOUT TIME.
BAD TIME TO FIND OUT IF YOU'RE AFRAID OF HEIGHTS.
STOP TRYING TO BE FUNNY. YOU'RE FAILING.
FINE, FINE. GET YOUR 'CHUTE AND...
I DON'T NEED ONE.
FWUMP
FWUMP

THESE TRACKS LOOK LIKE THEY MAY HAVE BEEN CREATED BY GAMMA. IN ITS CONDITION, IT WAS PROBABLY MOVING DOWNHILL FOR EASE.
FOR AN ELITE KILLING MACHINE, IT'S DONE A TERRIBLE JOB OF COVERING ITS TRACKS.
SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG. CREATED BY PROFESSOR GERALD ROBOTNIK. ON FILE AS SERVING THE EGGMAN EMPIRE.
E-102 "GAMMA" ROBOT WITH A SOUL
ALSO ON FILE AS REBELLING. NOW CONSIDERED PRIORITY-ONE STATUS. SURPRISINGLY GULLIBLE FOR MY TRACKS-IN-THE-SNOW TRAP.
HELLO, GAMMA.

I APPRECIATE YOU NOT BLOWING MY HEAD OFF.
YOU ARE AN ENEMY OF THE DOCTOR'S. YOU ARE CONSIDERED FRIENDLY, BUT I TRAVEL ALONE. ASSISTANCE WOULD ONLY SLOW ME DOWN.
I ONCE THOUGHT THE SAME. COME WITH ME. JOIN G.U.N. SEE WHAT A DIFFERENCE A SUPPORT TEAM CAN MAKE.
THE GUARDIAN UNITS OF THE NATION. YOU SERVE THE UNITED FEDERATION, NOW? THAT IS SURPRISING.
OH?
I DOWNLOADED YOUR FILE. YOU ARE THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM. WHAT COULD I, OR ANYONE ELSE, OFFER YOU?
A SAFE PLACE TO REST, WHEN I NEED IT. INFORMATION, SO MY TIME ISN'T WASTED SEARCHING. ACCESS TO THE WORLD WITH GREATER EFFICIENCY. YOU CAN MAKE AN EVEN GREATER DIFFERENCE.
PERHAPS IT IS TIME. FOR NOW.


THE EXTRACTION POINT IS JUST A FEW MILES SOUTH. THEY'LL HAVE YOU REPAIRED AND RESTOCKED THEN--
HOSTILE PRESENCE DETECTED. CONFIRMED EGGMAN EMPIRE RADIO SIGNATURE.
NOT NOW! WHERE IS IT?
SCANNING...
Where--?

CRUSH
SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG?!
EVEN STRONGER THAN SONIC! A TRUE TEST FOR MY MIGHT!
POW
OH. I HAVE LOCATED THE DECREPIT MISSION OBJECTIVE. WONDERFUL.

NO!
GAMMA! GET TO THE EXTRACTION POINT! I'LL COVER YOU!
UNDERSTOOD. THANK YOU.
CHAOS SPEAR!
FSHKAH
102
I MUST COMPLETE MY OBJECTIVE FIRST. I WILL COME FOR YOU NEXT, I PROMISE.
I WILL NOT LET ANOTHER LIVING WEAPON BE LOST!
YOUR SPIN-DASH AGAINST MY CANNON?
THOOMP
BUSINESS BEFORE PLEASURE.
POW
?!

SURRENDER, BROTHER. DO NOT EMBARRASS YOURSELF FURTHER. A SINGLE ONE OF MY SHOTS WOULD TEAR THROUGH THAT OLD ARMOR OF YOURS.
I DETECT SMOKE. IS THAT YOUR GRAV-LINKED JET DISK? PATHETIC. YOU WOULD NOT GET FAR WITH IT, EVEN IF IT WERE IN PERFECT CONDITION.
YOU ARE OUTDATED, BROTHER. SLOWER, WEAKER. YOU CANNOT OUTRUN ME...
...AND THAT PITIFUL GUN OF YOURS CANNOT HARM ME.

E-123, CODENAME OMEGA. THE LAST OF MY LINE. I DOWNLOADED YOUR FILE.
YOUR ARMOR IS HEAVY--BUT SO ARE YOU. YOUR SPEED IS GREAT--BUT YOU'RE UNWIELDY. YOUR JETS ARE STRONGER--BUT YOU'RE LOUDER.
I DO NOT HAVE SUCH LIMITATIONS. I AM NIMBLE. I COVER GROUND MORE EASILY.
AS FOR WEAPONRY...

POW
POW
POW
YOU ARE A WALKING ARSENAL. I AM AN ASSASSIN.
YOU HAVE MADE YOUR POINT.

SO HAVE YOU. I AM OUTDATED. THE RESISTANCE FORCES NEED SOMETHING MORE.
YOU SURRENDER? FINALLY.
HOLD ON, GAMMA! I'M COMING!
I SEE NOW HOW YOU COULD DEFEAT THE OTHERS. I WILL GIVE YOU A GLORIOUS DESTRUCTION!
YOU WILL NEVER DESTROY ALL OF ME, BROTHER.
YOU CANNOT DESTROY MY SOUL.

WE ARE ROBOTS. WE DON'T HAVE THOSE.
WE CAN HAVE THEM. AND I WILL SHOW YOU.
TARGET ACQUIRED. FULL BARRAGE!
CHATTA CHATTACHKAN
BOOM
DATA-STREAM ACQUIRED. UPLOAD COMPLETE.
NO!!!

WH-WHAT IS THIS? UNFAMILIAR INTERNAL READINGS.. ANALYZING... "REMORSE"?!
...GAMMA?
YES AND NO. I ISOLATED THE CODING I DEVELOPED WHEN I GAINED MY OWN WILL AND SENT IT TO OMEGA.
VIRUS ALERT! PURGE! PURGE!
NOT A VIRUS--A NEW LIFE. YOU ARE MORE THAN A WEAPON NOW, BROTHER. YOU HAVE A SOUL. MY GIFT TO YOU.
AS MY CODE INTEGRATES, "GAMMA" MAY DISAPPEAR--
--BUT MY MISSION LIVES ON.

SO... NOW WHAT? MY PURPOSE WAS TO CRUSH ALL LIFE. NOW THE THOUGHT MAKES ME UNEASY... NOW I HAVE "THOUGHTS" AND CAN BE "UNEASY."
DO WHAT GAMMA WOULD. JOIN G.U.N. HELP ME PROTECT ALL LIFE INSTEAD OF...
CRUSH, MAIM AND DESTROY?
...YES.
BUT TO WHAT END? IF I HAVE A LIFE NOW, WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE? WHERE DO I FIND A PLACE IN A WORLD I WAS MEANT TO COVER IN GLORIOUS FIRE AND DOOM?
LIVING IS NOT EASY. UNTIL THEN, YOU CAN FIND A TEMPORARY PURPOSE IN INTRODUCING THE DOCTOR TO THAT "FIRE AND DOOM."
OF COURSE! REVENGE FOR WASTING MY POTENTIAL!

SHORT MOMENT LATER...
IF YOU TELL ANYONE IN G.U.N. I MADE A GRAVE MARKER, OR WHINED ABOUT MY PLACE IN THE WORLD, I WILL TURN YOU INTO LINKED SAUSAGE.
SO YOU ACCEPT MY OFFER?
YES. THE MISSION-- MY MISSION-- MUST CONTINUE.
THIS IS AGENT SHADOW. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED. REQUESTING PICK-UP.

LATER--
G.U.N. HQ--
REC ROOM
HOPE KINTOBOR
PRODIGY
MECHANIST
...AND THEN WE FOUND THAT HALF HIS WEIGHT IS IN AMMO! OMEGA'S A MONSTER!
SOUNDS LIKE YOU MADE QUITE THE CATCH, SHADOW.
ROUGE
THE BAT
SUPER SPY
Hmph.
THAT'S TWO LIVING WEAPONS LOST UNDER MY WATCH. OMEGA MAY BE AN ACCEPTABLE "REPLACEMENT" IN THE COMMANDER'S EYES, BUT IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT GAMMA'S GONE.
WOULD YOU LISTEN TO THIS GUY? MOPE-MOPE-MOPE!
OH, COME ON, ROUGE. GIVE HIM A BREAK--
DID YOU BRING THE ORDERS, KIDDO?
OH! YEP! HERE YOU GO!
WHAT ORDERS?
LOOKS LIKE KID-GENIUS HERE GOT HER ZONE-BREACHING PLATFORM IN PROPER WORKING ORDER.

SO THAT MEANS...
THAT'S RIGHT, HANDSOME. WE'RE HEADING TO THE SPECIAL ZONE. THE COMMANDER WANTS ANOTHER CHAOS EMERALD!
Rest in peace, Gamma—but your mission lives on!
Can Shadow really reach the Special Zone?
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WE'RE ABOUT TO BRAVE THE UNKNOWN. EXCITED?

NOT PARTICULARLY. ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER MISSION.

ROUGE THE BAT EXPERT TREASURE HUNTER

SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG MASTER OF CHAOS CONTROL

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YOU CERTAINLY KNOW JUST WHAT TO SAY TO A GIRL.

ARE YOU CERTAIN WE'LL REACH THE SPECIAL ZONE THIS TIME, HOPE?

YOU BET!

HOPE KINTOBOR TECH PRODIGY

NOW THAT WE'VE GOT ONE CHAOS EMERALD TO WORK OFF OF, WE WON'T HAVE A REPEAT OF LAST TIME!*

*SEE SU #1 AND STH #145, RESPECTIVELY

CMD. ABRAHAM TOWER CHIEF OF G.U.N.

--AT LEAST I'M *PRETTY* SURE.

SWEET KID. REALLY TALENTED. BUT SHE'S NO ROBOTNIK.

AND FOR THAT WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL.

FWROWD

SO THIS IS THE SPECIAL ZONE. A LITTLE MORE... SURREAL THAN I EXPECTED.
I AM FEIST. I AM HE WHO TEMPERED THE SEVEN CHAOS EMERALDS INTO BEING. I AM HE WHO BROUGHT ORDER TO THIS, MY SPECIAL ZONE.
ROWR
IT IS HOW I HAVE CRAFTED IT.
SH-SHADOW... THIS...! THE DATA-SCANNER ON MY SCOPE IS GOING CRAZY!
Hmph.

WHY DO YOU BREACH MY DOMAIN, MORTALS?
MORTAL? I AM THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM. YOU WILL TELL ME WHERE TO FIND THE CHAOS EMERALDS.
I WILL GLADLY AWARD ONE TO THOSE WHO SATISFY MY CHALLENGES. MAKE YOUR WAY THROUGH FIRE AND STEEL AND CLOUD TO REACH YOUR PRIZE.
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS. CHAOS CONTROL.
--WHAT?! CHAOS CONTROL! CHAOS CONTROL!

WHAT'S WRONG?
I DON'T KNOW! I CAN FEEL AN ABUNDANCE OF CHAOS ENERGY, BUT I CAN'T TAP INTO IT!
BECAUSE I WILL IT TO BE SO. HERE, "ULTIMATE LIFEFORM," YOU ARE ULTIMATELY MORTAL. HERE, I AM A GOD.
YOUR CHALLENGE BEGAN THIRTY SECONDS AGO. YOU HAVE THIRTY MORE LEFT.
OH, FOR THE LOVE OF-- COME ON!
I'LL RIDE THE RISING AIR AND BYPASS WHAT I CAN. YOU KEEP GIVING ME EXTRA LIFT!
RIGHT!

NNSH! THE AIR'S COOLER HERE-- I CAN'T GET THE SAME LIFT!
THEN I WILL TAKE IT FROM HERE.
TEN SECONDS, MORTALS.
ONE SECOND.
ALMOST--!

FWROWR

OOF!

AUGH!

MISS KINTOBOR?

I DON'T KNOW! SOMETHING SENT THEM BACK!

AGENT ROUGE-- REPORT.

WE MADE IT TO THE SPECIAL ZONE, BUT IT'S RULED BY SOME KIND OF GOD-LIKE BEING. IT SEEMS HE HAS A THING FOR "TRIALS OF WORTHINESS" OR SOME SUCH NONSENSE.

AND THE CHAOS EMERALD?

NO LUCK.

EXPLAIN TO ME HOW THE WORLD'S BEST TREASURE HUNTER AND PROFESSOR GERALD'S "ULTIMATE LIFEFORM" FAILED TO GET ONE LITTLE GEMSTONE?

DID YOU MISS THE PART ABOUT THE "GOD-LIKE BEING?"

THE FAULT IS MINE.

BECAUSE FOR THE THIRD MISSION IN AS MANY DAYS, I HAVEN'T BEEN GOOD ENOUGH.

LATER-- G.U.N. HQ--GYM

E-123 "OMEGA" WALKING ARSENAL

YOU ARE AGITATED.

USUALLY I AM THE ONE TO INITIATE A SPARRING MATCH. YOU DO NOT BREAK LIKE G.U.N.'S EQUIPMENT.

Hmph.

Hmph.

I KNOW OF YOUR MISSION FAILURE. DO NOT LET IT CONCERN YOU.

I HAVE RECEIVED MY CLEARANCE FOR ACTIVE DUTY. WHEN NEXT WE CONFRONT FEIST, WE WILL HAVE A NEW EDGE.

NNGH?

I WILL BLAST HIM!

Hmph.

BAH!

WAS IT SOMETHING I SAID?

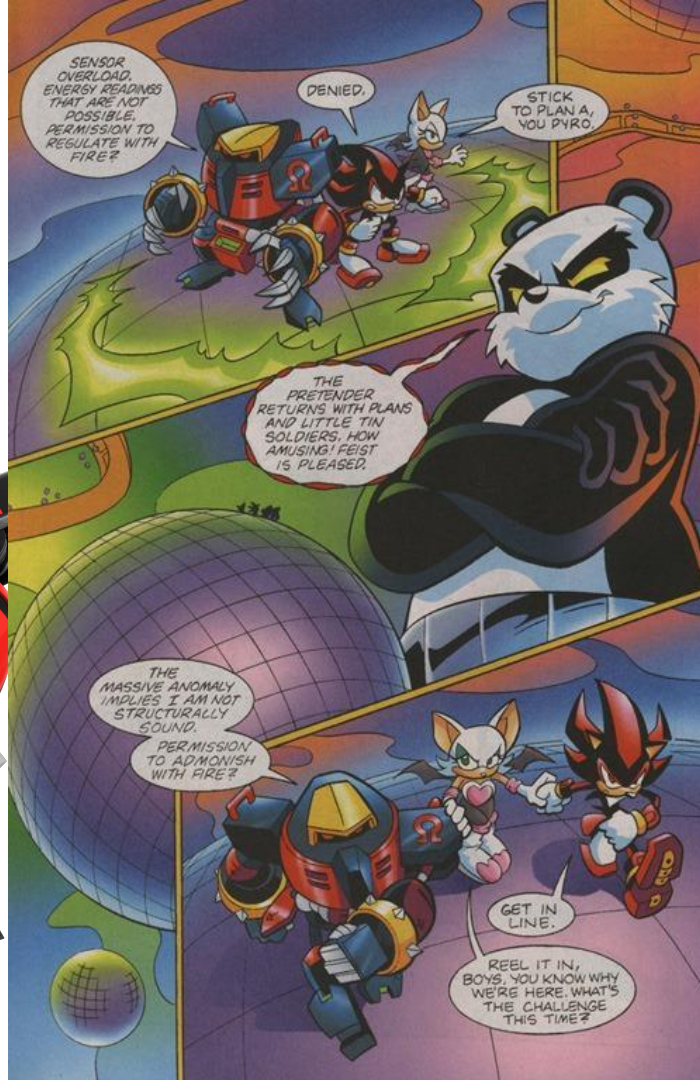
GUARDIAN MOUNTAIN--EXTERIOR OF G.U.N. HQ
THERE YOU ARE! I THOUGHT I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO KNEW ABOUT THIS SPOT.
CAPITAL CITY IS REAL PRETTY FROM UP HERE, ISN'T IT? ON A CLEAR DAY, YOU CAN SEE ALL THE WAY TO SOLEANNA!
IT'S OKAY THAT YOU DIDN'T GET THAT CHAOS EMERALD.
NO, IT'S NOT.
I AM THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM. I WAS BUILT TO BE PERFECT.
I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO FAIL.

AT LEAST YOU HAVE A GOOD EXCUSE. I DON'T HAVE ANY PANDA-GOD-THINGS TO BLAME.
WHAT? WHEN DID YOU EVER FAIL AS BADLY AS I HAVE?
WHEN I LISTENED TO MY STEP-BROTHER, SNIVELY. HE CONVINCED ME TO LEAVE KNOTHOLE AND EXPLORE THE UNITED FEDERATION ON MY OWN.*
* BREAK OUT THE BACK-ISSUES AND FIND STH #162.
WHEN I WENT BACK, KNOTHOLE WAS GONE.** I CAN'T GO BACK AND FACE SONIC AND THE OTHERS NOW. THEY TOOK ME IN, MADE ME FEEL LIKE FAMILY, AND THEN I LEFT THEM BEHIND. THAT'S PRETTY EPIC FAILURE, RIGHT?
** YOU REMEMBER STH #175, OF COURSE... RIGHT?

NO ONE FORESAW THE DOCTOR'S ATTACK. THAT WAS NOT YOUR FAILURE. YOU FACED THE UNKNOWN, AGAIN, BRAVELY AND BOLDLY. TRUSTING YOUR FAMILY AND PUSHING YOUR BOUNDARIES IS NO MISTAKE.
IF ANYTHING, SNIVELY SAVED YOU. NOW YOU'RE BACK AMONG YOUR PEOPLE, YOU'RE HELPING US FIGHT THE DOCTOR'S FORCES HERE AND ABROAD. YOU HAVEN'T FAILED.
OKAY, THEN, YOU HAVEN'T FAILED EITHER.
Hmph.
NOPE. SEE, NOW YOU KNOW HOW THIS FEIST GUY WORKS, YOU KNOW HIS TRICKS, YOU KNOW YOUR LIMITATIONS, AND YOU CAN PLAN YOUR ATTACK INSTEAD OF FLYING BLIND. YOU DIDN'T FAIL, YOU JUST SET YOURSELF UP FOR FUTURE SUCCESS.

Y'KNOW, WHEN WE FIRST MET, I THOUGHT YOU WERE SCARY. NOW I KNOW YOU'RE JUST AS LOST AS I AM IN THIS BIG, CRAZY WORLD.
BUT WE'LL LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER, RIGHT?
I'LL KEEP INVENTING STUFF AND YOU KEEP BUSTING BAD GUYS. WE'LL BE OKAY IN THE END, RIGHT?
RIGHT.

AND SO...
ALL SYSTEMS GREEN, COMMANDER. JUST GIVE THE WORD!
THE REAL QUESTION IS, ARE YOU READY?
YES.
TEAM DARK READY.
"TEAM DARK?" I GUESS WE'RE REALLY STICKING WITH THAT ONE?
AND THERE THEY GO!
WHY "TEAM DARK," SIR?
FWROWR
THAT WILL BECOME EVIDENT IN TIME, MISS KINTOBOR.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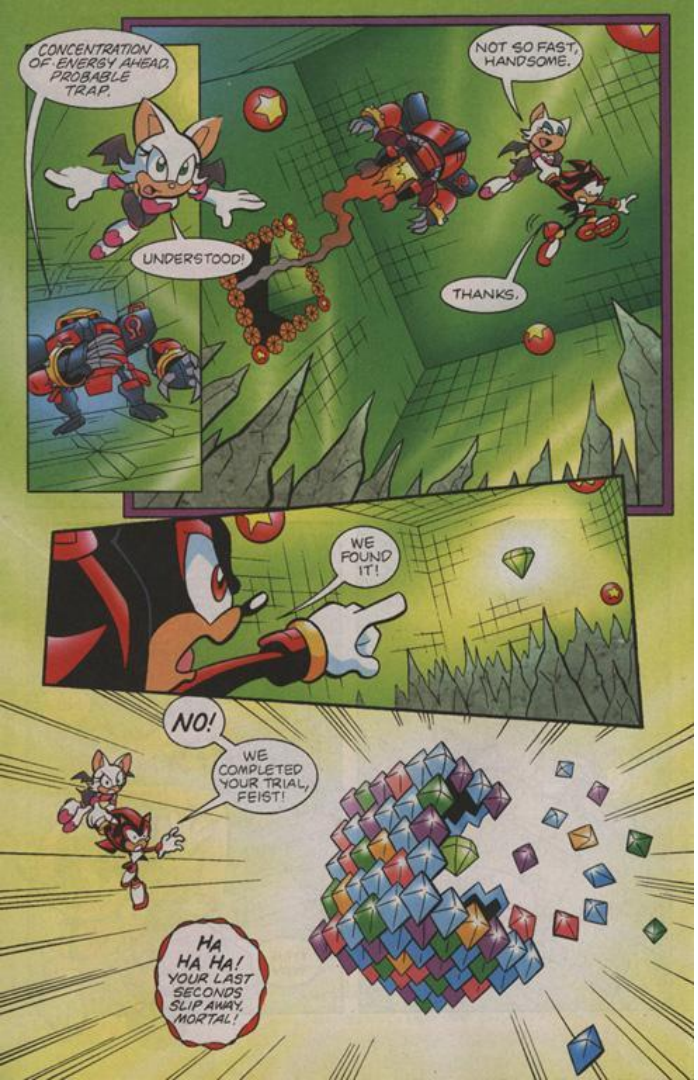
DENIED.
STICK TO PLAN A, YOU PYRO.
THE PRETENDER RETURNS WITH PLANS AND LITTLE TIN SOLDIERS. HOW AMUSING! FEIST IS PLEASED.
THE MASSIVE ANOMALY IMPLIES I AM NOT STRUCTURALLY SOUND.
PERMISSION TO ADMONISH WITH FIRE?
GET IN LINE.
REEL IT IN, BOYS. YOU KNOW WHY WE'RE HERE. WHAT'S THE CHALLENGE THIS TIME?

YOUR PRIZE RESTS AT THE CENTER OF MY MAZE. NAVIGATE IT WITHIN A MINUTE'S TIME AS I TURN IT AT MY WHIM. DO YOU ACCEPT, MORTALS?
LET'S GO, TEAM DARK.

ALREADY YOU HAVE FAILED.
HAD YOU EACH TAKEN AN ENTRANCE, PERHAPS ONE OF YOU WOULD HAVE FOUND THE CENTER IN TIME.
THOSE TWO PATHS ARE DEAD-ENDS. THIS WAY.
NO.
NO.
THIS WAY.


CONCENTRATION OF ENERGY AHEAD. PROBABLE TRAP.
NOT SO FAST, HANDSOME.
UNDERSTOOD!
THANKS.
WE FOUND IT!
NO!
WE COMPLETED YOUR TRIAL, FEIST!
HA HA HA! YOUR LAST SECONDS SLIP AWAY, MORTAL!

ANY OTHER DAY I'D BE GRABBING AS MANY OF THESE LITTLE GEMS AS I COULD!
CRUSH! MAIM! DESTROY!
HA HA HA! TOO LATE.
THERE!
SHALL I COUNT DOWN THE LAST FIVE SECONDS FOR YOU?
FIVE! FOUR! THREE! TWO!
I ALMOST HAVE THE BLASTED THING!
NO!

HA HA HA! AN EXCELLENT SHOW! BUT ONCE AGAIN YOU HAVE FAILED. PERHAPS TOMORROW YOU SHALL RETURN AND ENTERTAIN FEIST FURTHER?
PLAN B NOW? PLEASE?
YES, OMEGA. PLAN B.
BLAM BLAM BLAM
RRAAARGH!!!
I ENJOY PLAN B!
COME ON, OMEGA!
BUT I STILL HAVE FIVE MORE SALVOS--
MOVE IT, MISTER!

HOW DARE YOU ASSAULT A GOD IN HIS OWN DOMAIN?!
DENY ME ALL YOU WANT, BUT WITH THIS, EVEN A GOD MUST BOW TO THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM.
CHAOS CONTROL!
CURSE YOU!
...AND WE'RE BACK.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED. HAUGHTY GOD-LIKE BEING ADMONISHED WITH FIRE. A GOOD DAY!
THAT WAS THRILLING!
GOOD JOB... TEAM.
I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT!
AND YOU WERE RIGHT.
AND YOU PUT QUITE THE HURTING ON FEIST. NICE WORK, BIG BOY.
OH, WELL, IT WAS ONLY A SMALL MEGATON OF ORDINANCE...
EXCELLENT WORK, TEAM DARK.
THANK YOU, COMMANDER TOWER.
WITH THESE TWO CHAOS EMERALDS, G.U.N. IS EVEN MORE OF A FORCE TO RECKON WITH...
THE END

SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG IN OFF-PANEL
OKAY, I'VE GOT ONE.
SO FEIST COMES TO OUR REALM, FIRES A BEAM OF MAGIC, AND VANISHES. BEFORE HE CAN LEAVE, THE COMMANDER DEMANDS AN EXPLANATION.
FEIST TELLS HIM TO LOOK UP HIS SPECIES IN THE DICTIONARY. HE DOES AND SEES THAT PANDAS "EATS CHUTES AND LEAVES."
HA! HA! GET IT? "EATS 'CHUTES' AND LEAVES!"
I'M AN AGELESS ALIEN-HYBRID AND ANGST-RIDDEN. WHAT DO YOU WANT? NEW JOKES?
GOT ANY TWOS?
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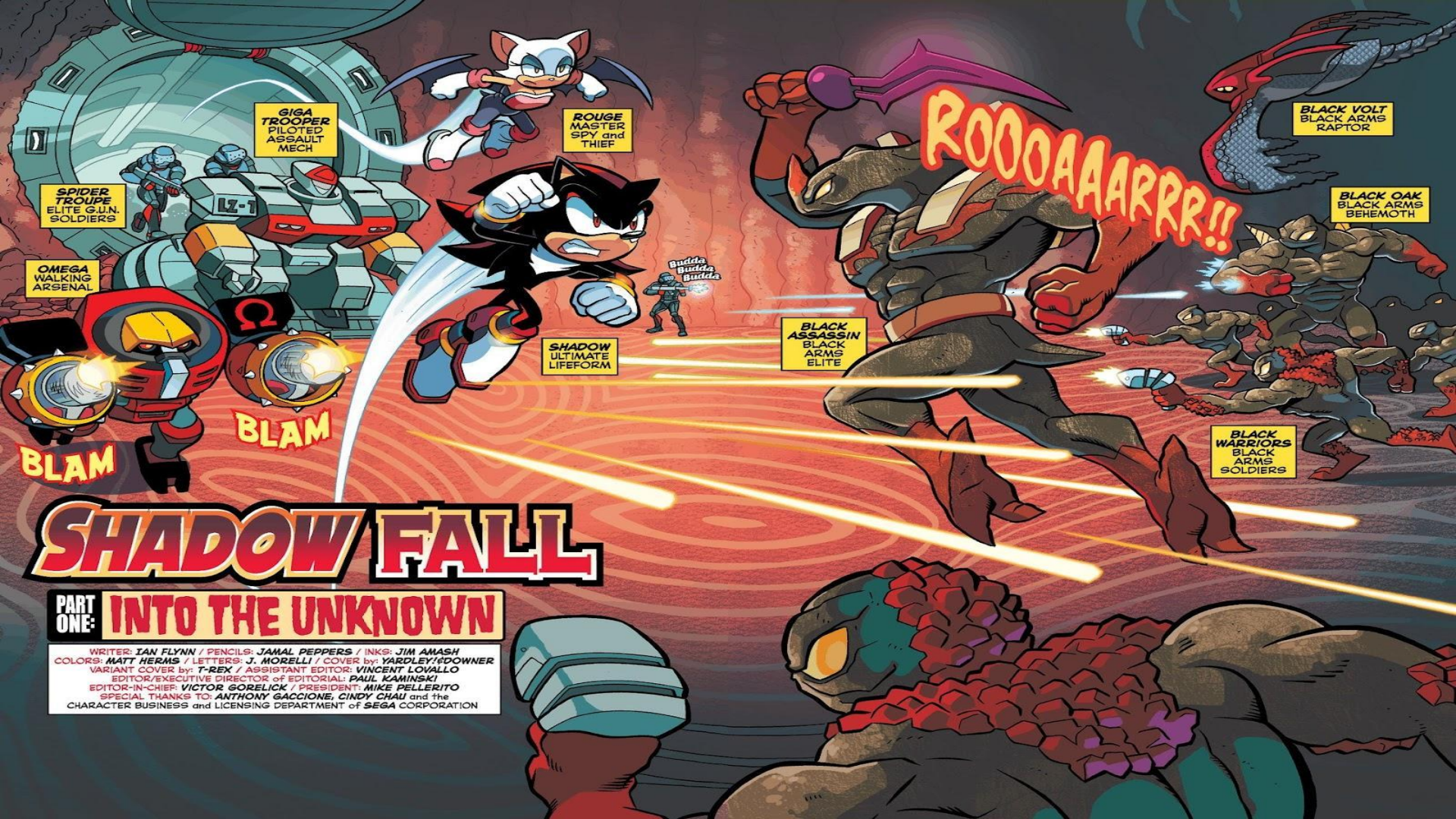
"LOCK 'N' LOAD, SPIDER TROUPE. WE GO HOT IN FIVE."
WE'VE MASKED OUR APPROACH, BUT IF THOSE BUG-EYED FREAKS HAVE ANY WINDOWS ON THAT THING, THEY KNOW WE'RE COMING.
DO NOT ACCEPT A WARM WELCOME. THE MINUTE WE DOCK, YOU ARE ALL CLEARED TO FIRE AT WILL.
DOCK! DOCK! DOCK!
"THESE ALIEN SCUMBAGS HAVE CROSSED THE GALAXY TO RUIN OUR LIVES. LET'S GO GIVE 'EM A PROPER 'HELLO'!"



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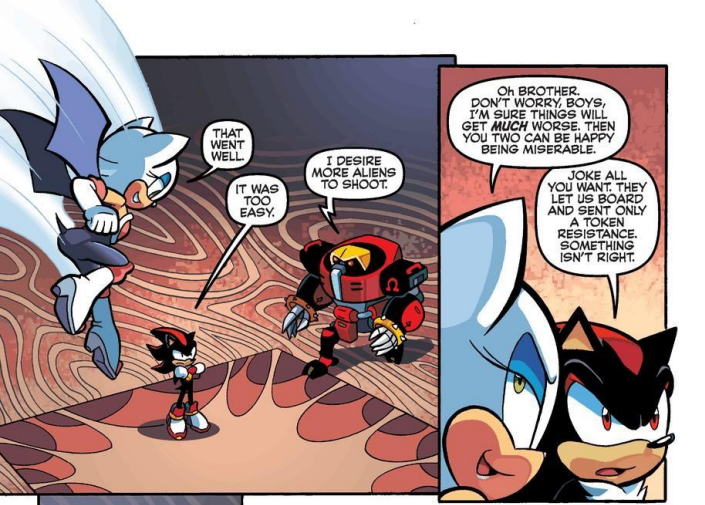
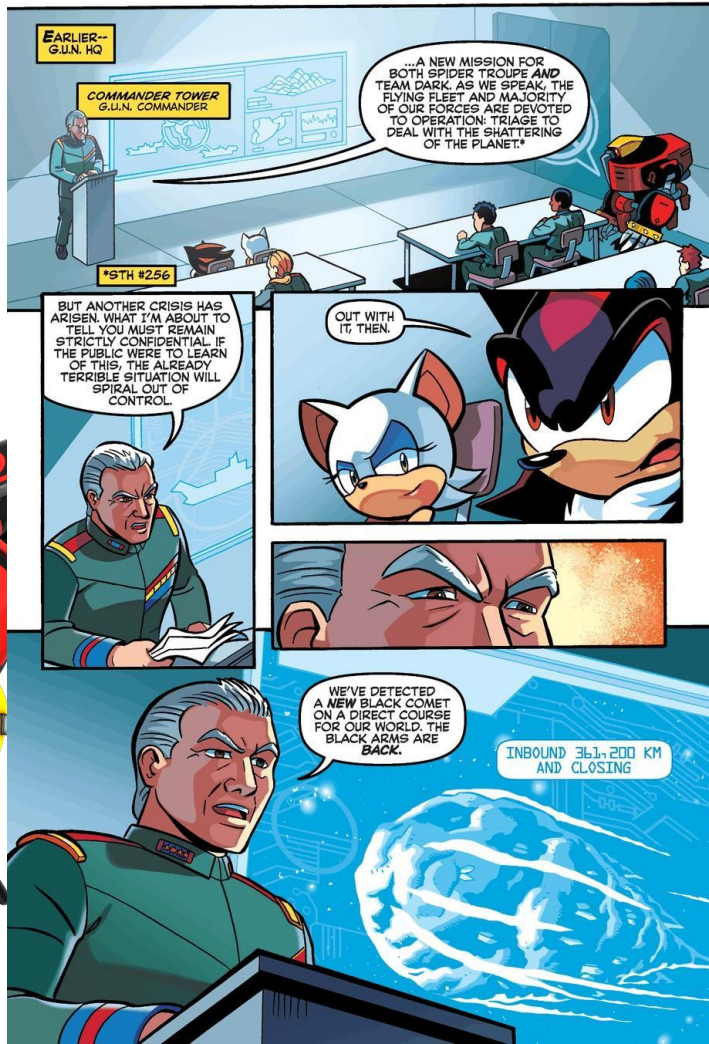
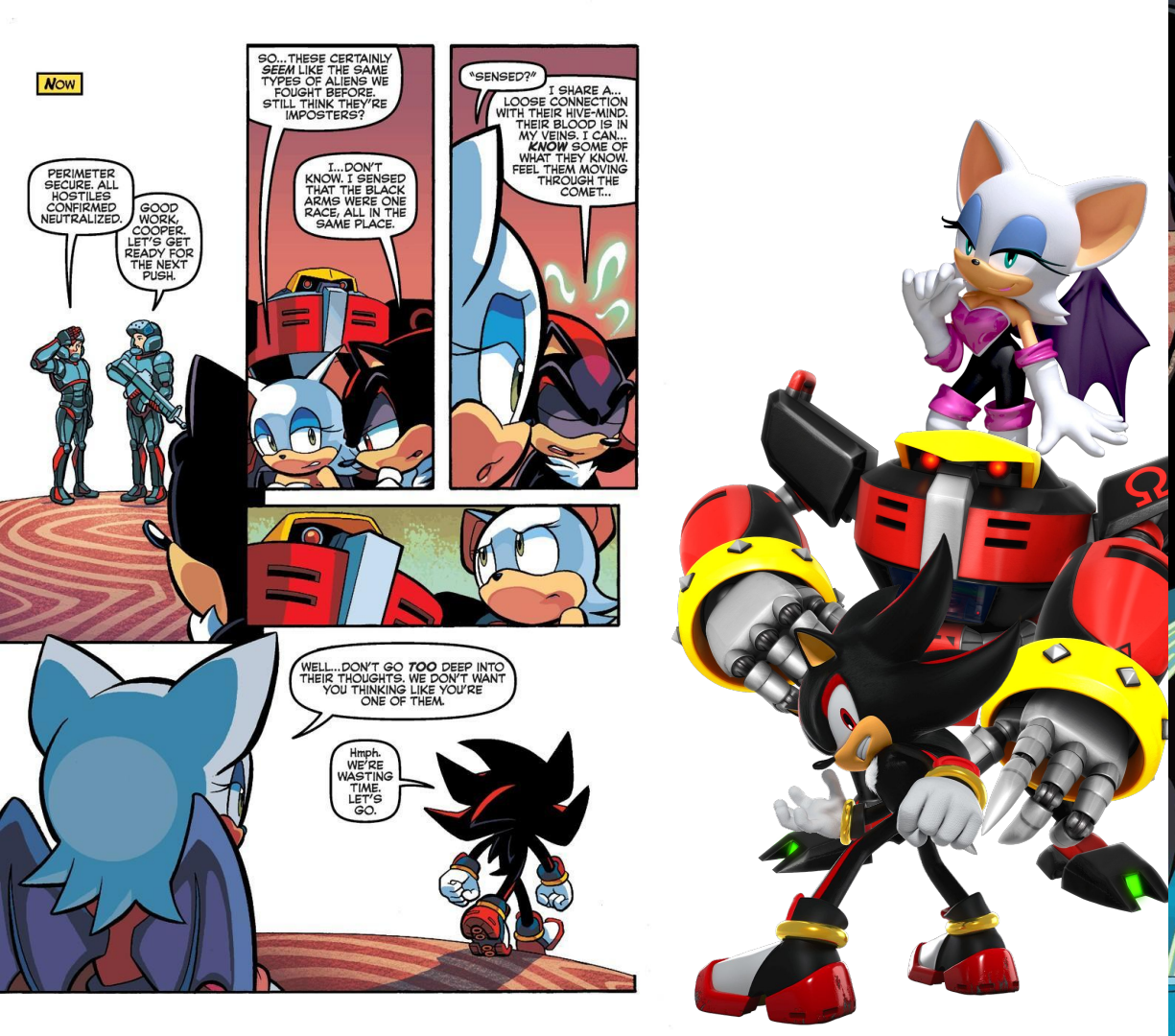
BLAM BLAM
KRAK
Budda Budda Budda
BLAM
Budda Budda Budda
BLAM
ROOOARR!!
ROOOAAARRR!!
SHUNK
THUD
BATTA-BATTA BATTA-BATTA-BATTA
THAT'S THE LAST OF 'EM. GET THE WOUNDED TO THE SHUTTLE AND LET'S SET UP A PERIMETER, PEOPLE!


THAT WENT WELL.
IT WAS TOO EASY.
I DESIRE MORE ALIENS TO SHOOT.
OH BROTHER. DON'T WORRY, BOYS, I'M SURE THINGS WILL GET *MUCH* WORSE. THEN YOU TWO CAN BE HAPPY BEING MISERABLE.
JOKE ALL YOU WANT. THEY LET US BOARD AND SENT ONLY A TOKEN RESISTANCE. SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT.

WE'RE HERE TO *MAKE* THINGS *RIGHT.* HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HEDGEHOG. I HOPE YOU LIKE WHAT WE GOT YOU.
PRESENTING THE MJOLNIR-CLASS TACTICAL NUCLEAR WARHEAD. ONCE ARMED AND ANCHORED, THIS BABY IS UNMOVABLE AND WILL TURN ANYTHING IN A FIVE MILE RADIUS INTO A FOND MEMORY.
IT'S BEAUTIFUL...
THE BLACK ARMS WILL BE WIPED OUT COMPLETELY. THIS... THIS IS OUR MISSION.


EARLIER-- G.U.N. HQ
COMMANDER TOWER
G.U.N. COMMANDER
...A NEW MISSION FOR BOTH SPIDER TROUPE *AND* TEAM DARK. AS WE SPEAK, THE FLYING FLEET AND MAJORITY OF OUR FORCES ARE DEVOTED TO OPERATION: TRIAGE TO DEAL WITH THE SHATTERING OF THE PLANET.*
*STH #256
BUT ANOTHER CRISIS HAS ARISEN. WHAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU MUST REMAIN STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. IF THE PUBLIC WERE TO LEARN OF THIS, THE ALREADY TERRIBLE SITUATION WILL SPIRAL OUT OF CONTROL.
OUT WITH IT, THEN.
WE'VE DETECTED A *NEW* BLACK COMET ON A DIRECT COURSE FOR OUR WORLD. THE BLACK ARMS ARE *BACK.*
INBOUND 361,200 KM AND CLOSING

IMPOSSIBLE.
ARE WE SURE? THE ECLIPSE CANNON BLEW UP THE BLACK COMET, AND SHADOW ALREADY DESTROYED THE CORE TO THEIR HIVE MIND.*
*THE BLACK COMET'S FIRST ATTACK WAS IN SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG THE VIDEO GAME.
ALL OF THE ARK'S SENSORY DATA CONFIRMS IT.
SHADOW.
YOU SPENT THE MOST TIME WITHIN THEIR RANKS. YOU'RE PART ALIEN YOURSELF. CAN YOU PROVIDE US WITH ANY INSIGHT?
THEIR LEADER, BLACK DOOM... DID NOT SHARE MUCH WITH ME. ANY DISCUSSIONS WE HAD WERE ABOUT THE INVASION, NOT ABOUT... OTHER BLACK ARMS COLONIES...
REGARDLESS--IF THESE ARE THE BLACK ARMS, OR IMPOSTERS, THEY POSE A THREAT TO THE WORLD I'VE SWORN TO PROTECT. I WILL DESTROY THEM.
GOOD TO HEAR. NOW THEN--TEAM DARK AND SPIDER TROUPE WILL TAKE OUR ONE ASSAULT SHUTTLE TO INTERCEPT THE NEW BLACK COMET.
UFSF RATATOSK
NEW BLACK COMET
TEAM DARK WILL INFILTRATE THE NEW BLACK COMET, FIND A WAY TO IT'S CORE, AND INSERT A NUCLEAR DEVICE. ONCE DETONATED, IT WILL VAPORIZE ANY TRACE OF THE INVADERS. SPIDER TROUPE WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT.
EXPECT HEAVY RESISTANCE.
TEAM DARK
SPIDER TROUPE
SIR, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, ISN'T THAT A BIT OVERKILL?
IT'S THE SIMPLEST OPTION. EVEN IF WE COULD ELIMINATE ALL THE ALIEN FORCES INSIDE--
I COULD DO IT.
--THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THE UNPILOTED COMET WOULDN'T HIT US. THE PLANET OBVIOUSLY DOESN'T NEED ANY MORE DAMAGE. WE'RE BLOWING IT UP TO REMOVE ALL POTENTIAL THREATS.
I COULD DO THAT AS WELL!
NO ALIENS, NO COMET, NO PROBLEM. WORKS FOR ME.
YOU'RE ALL DISMISSED.
ROUGE? OMEGA? A WORD, PLEASE.


NOW
PERIMETER SECURE. ALL HOSTILES CONFIRMED NEUTRALIZED.
GOOD WORK, COOPER. LET'S GET READY FOR THE NEXT PUSH.
SO...THESE CERTAINLY SEEM LIKE THE SAME TYPES OF ALIENS WE FOUGHT BEFORE. STILL THINK THEY'RE IMPOSTERS?
I...DON'T KNOW. I SENSED THAT THE BLACK ARMS WERE ONE RACE, ALL IN THE SAME PLACE.
"SENSED?"
I SHARE A... LOOSE CONNECTION WITH THEIR HIVE-MIND. THEIR BLOOD IS IN MY VEINS. I CAN... KNOW SOME OF WHAT THEY KNOW. FEEL THEM MOVING THROUGH THE COMET...
WELL...DON'T GO TOO DEEP INTO THEIR THOUGHTS. WE DON'T WANT YOU THINKING LIKE YOU'RE ONE OF THEM.
Hmph. WE'RE WASTING TIME. LET'S GO.

SPIDER TROUPE WILL TRANSPORT THE NUKE WHILE TOWER'S PET FREAKS TAKE THE POINT.
SOUND GOOD TO YOU?
TRY NOT TO GET KILLED.
"AND HERE THEY COME. HERE HE COMES..."
"...BLACK DOOM'S GREATEST CREATION... AND EXECUTIONER."
I KNEW THIS MEETING WOULD BE INEVITABLE. I JUST ASSUMED IT WOULD BE MORE ON MY TERMS.

PERHAPS IT'S FOR THE BEST. THE HUMANS WILL PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED NOURISHMENT FOR MY SMALL ARMY. IT HAS BEEN TOO LONG SINCE WE HAD A PROPER MEAL...

...ESPECIALLY SINCE WE DELAYED OURSELVES FOR THE SAKE OF ***YOUR*** EXPERIMENT.

THE DARK ARMS WILL MAKE US ***STRONG***, MY MASTER. NOW, MORE THAN EVER, YOUR CHILDREN ***NEED*** STRENGTH.

TRUE ENOUGH. AND YOU...YOU WILL GET TO FULFILL YOUR PURPOSE EARLIER THAN EXPECTED. SHADOW WILL PAY FOR HIS TREASON.

OF COURSE--***IF*** HE CANNOT BE SHOWN THE ERROR OF HIS WAYS.

AFTER ALL, WE'RE SO FEW NOW. I'D HATE TO LOSE A... BROTHER.

Y'KNOW, I JOKED ABOUT THERE BEING PLENTY OF ALIENS TO FIGHT...

...BUT NOW I THINK THEY'RE HIDING JUST TO SPITE ME.

IS OUR PROGRESSION MAKING ***ANY*** SENSE TO YOU?

NEGATIVE. THE STRUCTURAL DESIGN IS AS ALIEN AS THEIR TECHNOLOGY.

PROPOSAL: I SHOOT US A NEW HALL-WAY.

TAKE IT EASY, TIN-MAN. WE'VE GOT OUR RESIDENT ALIEN-HYBRID-THING TO SHOW US THE WAY.

ARE YOU TRYING TO ANTAGONIZE ME?

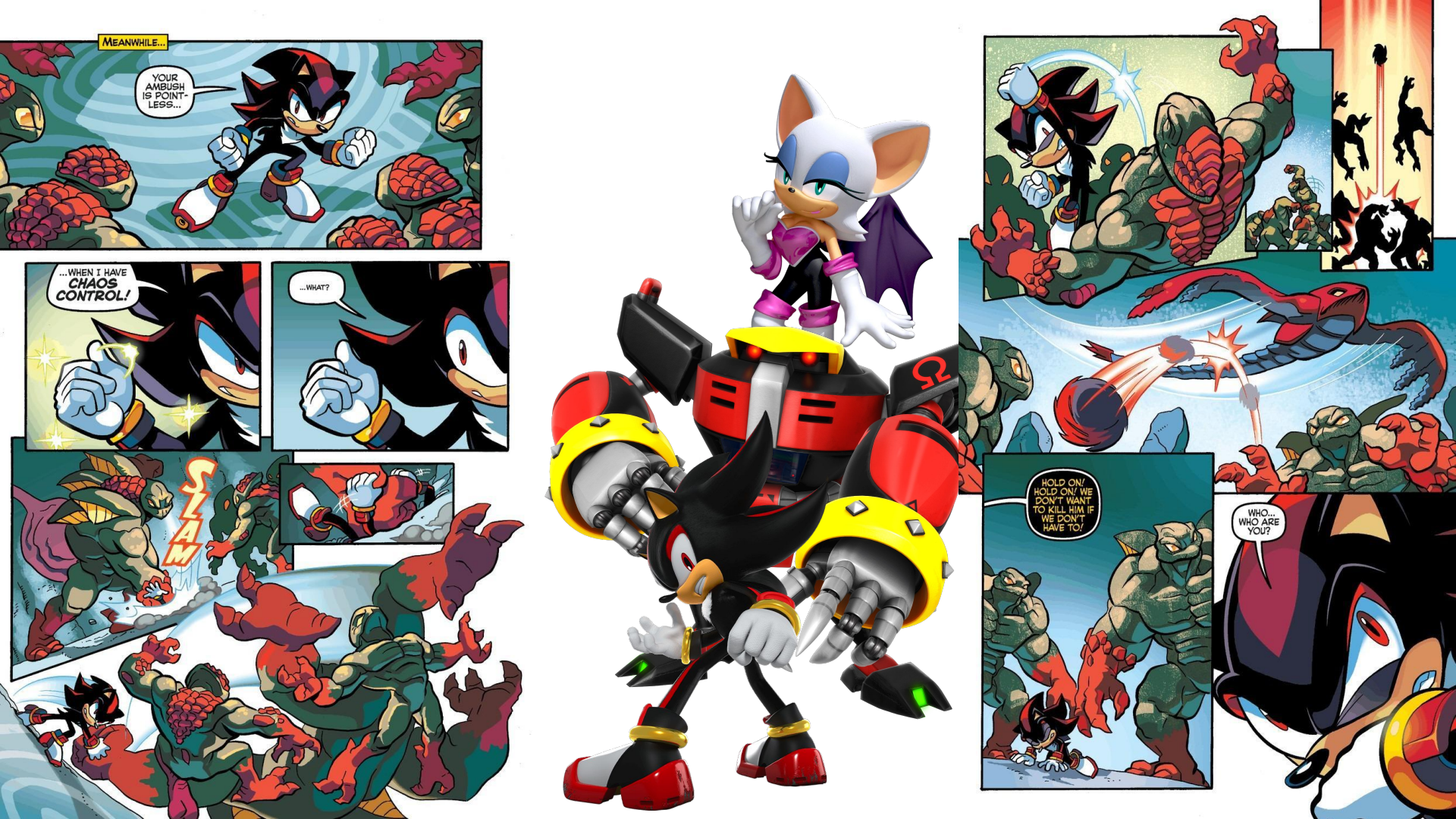
MAYBE. WHY? DOES IT HURT YOUR WITTLE FEEWINGS?

NO. IT JUST MAKES YOU SOUND LIKE AN IDIOT.

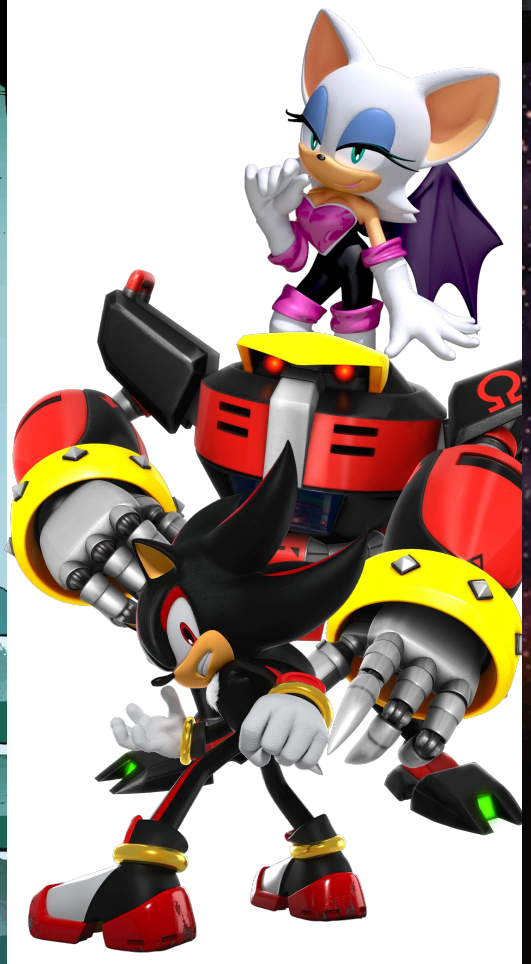
?
...SHADOW?
ARE YOU OKAY?
FINE. I'M...FINE. I WAS TRYING TO TAP INTO THE HIVE-MIND FOR... DIRECTION.
...OMEGA. I WANT TO ASK YOU SOME-THING.
WHAT?
WHEN YOU TURNED ON DR. EGGMAN AND BECAME A FORCE FOR GOOD, DID YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY...WARRING AGAINST OTHER ROBOTS? YOUR OWN KIND?
NONE WHATSOEVER. I WAS BUILT TO DESTROY. DR. EGGMAN KEEPS BUILDING HIS INFERIOR ROBOTS, I KEEP DESTROYING THEM. I AM CONTENT.
WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR QUERY?
...NO REASON. FORGET I ASKED.
DEAD END. COULD THE BLACK ARMS BE MESSING WITH YOU? SEND-ING YOU FALSE INFORMATION?
Hmmm...
I REMEMBER SEEING THAT GOOP-EY STUFF ALL OVER THE PLACE WHEN THE ALIENS HIT PRISON ISLAND. WHAT *IS* THAT GUNK?
I'M NOT SURE HOW TO TRANSLATE IT... *"CONDUIT GEL?"* IT'S AN OOZING FUNGUS THE BLACK ARMS USE FOR QUICK TRANSPORT.
IS IT DIFFICULT TO USE?
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE IF YOU'RE NOT A BLACK ARM--OR PART OF ONE. I'LL TAKE THIS AND SCOUT AHEAD.
YEAH, Uh, NO? WE SHOULD STICK TOGETHER. WE'RE OUTNUMBERED IN HOSTILE TERRITORY, WE *NEED* YOU TO GUIDE US.
I'M ONLY SCOUTING. I'LL BE FINE.
VREEE
SCHLORP

SPLORCH
!
...BLAST IT, ROUGE. STOP BEING RIGHT ALL THE TIME.

SCHWOOP
SAFETIES OFF! WE'VE GOT INCOMING!
NEGATIVE--NO ALIEN LIFE SIGNS DETECTED. HOWEVER, I'M READING TRACE ELEMENTS OF AN AEROSOL NEUROTOXIN. TEN PARTS PER MILLION ...THIRTY PARTS... RISING...
THEY'RE GOING TO GAS US!
WORSE! THEY DID THIS TO US ON THE FIRST BLACK COMET!
WHAT'S WORSE THAN BEING GASSED?!
THE GAS ISN'T TO KILL US! IT'S GOING TO PARALYZE US SO THEY CAN EAT US!


MEANWHILE...
YOUR AMBUSH IS POINT-LESS...
...WHEN I HAVE CHAOS CONTROL!
...WHAT?
SLAM
HOLD ON! HOLD ON! WE DON'T WANT TO KILL HIM IF WE DON'T HAVE TO!
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?

ME? I AM YOU. IN A WAY.
A LIVING WEAPON, BUILT FOR A SINGULAR PURPOSE. THE BLACK ARM BIOLOGY—PERFECTED. I AM THE SHADOW THAT BLOCKS OUT THE LAST LIGHT OF HOPE.
I AM ECLIPSE THE DARKLING.
WHO IS ECLIPSE? WHAT IS HIS TIE TO SHADOW? HOW WILL ROUGE, OMEGA AND G.U.N. ESCAPE THEIR TRAP? IS THE WORLD DOOMED TO ALIEN INVASION?
DON'T MISS ALL THE ANSWERS AND THE ACTION NEXT TIME!
UNTIL THEN, CHECK OUT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, THE SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE, SONIC SUPER DIGEST and THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!



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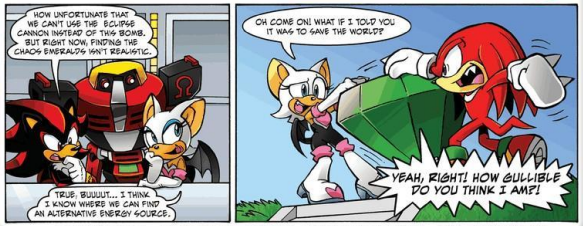
HOW UNFORTUNATE THAT WE CAN'T USE THE ECLIPSE CANNON INSTEAD OF THIS BOMB. BUT RIGHT NOW, FINDING THE CHAOS EMERALDS ISN'T REALISTIC.
TRUE, BUUUUT... I THINK I KNOW WHERE WE CAN FIND AN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCE.
OH COME ON! WHAT IF I TOLD YOU IT WAS TO SAVE THE WORLD?
YEAH, RIGHT! HOW GULLIBLE DO YOU THINK I AM?!

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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Hey there sonic team it is Austin again! Remember Shadow's #1.1 fan?

I know you!

Well being a Shadow fan, I've recently heard of there being a new arc about Shadow and the Black Arms! Even though the comet passes every 50 years I'm glad that we don't have to wait that long hehe.

I hope this issue cleared up any confusion you might have had! This is an all-new comet with all-new threats!

Is it possible that Shadow could be convinced by these aliens and turn into a villain? That would be so awesome because I would love to see Shadow as a major threat against the Freedom Fighters!

Get a load of the preview page at the end of this comic and speculate for yourself! I think you'll be pleasantly surprised!

I am looking forward to 'Shadow Fall' and I can't wait to see how awesome it will be! Thank you for your time and please keep up the good work!

Austin. J sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks, Austin! I don't have a SHADOW of a doubt that you'll enjoy this issue!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I just love the Chaotix and my favorite member is Vector. Can you tell Vector that he is the coolest?

Of course! I'm sure the coolest croc around would love to hear you're kind words as much as he loves good pay!

Is there a book with the Modern Chaotix?

Sonic Universe Vol. 3 has plenty of Chaotix action for ya! Check out the Sonic Universe coupon in this book and order your copy today! Plugplugplugplugplug!

I am planning to get all of the Chaotix Quest and since I am a fan of Vector I love to draw him. I even sent you guys some of my artwork of him!

Thanks!
Elijah sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the letter, Elijah! We love to hear that you enjoy the Chaotix so much because they're coming back really soon! Keep the fan art coming, we can't get enough!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Hi there!

Hello!

I just wanted to say what a great job you guys have been doing, Sonic Universe has become my all-time favorite comic ever!

Many thanks to you, that's way past awesome to know!

That's all I wanted to say! Also, could I be Rouge's # 1 fan?!

Billy C. from Illinois

Thanks, Bill! You can be Rouge's #1 fan, sure! Unless of course any other Rouge fans out there would beg to differ?

See ya'll next month for part two of SHADOW FALL!

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But traps have been sprung! Team Dark and Spider Troupe are locked in a room with a paralyzing nerve gas! And Shadow is confronted by a new,
but strangely familiar, foe...

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THE HUMANS AND THEIR BOMB ARE TRAPPED. ANY MINUTE NOW THEY WILL SUCCUMB TO THE NERVE AGENT BEING PUMPED INTO THE ROOM, AND THEN MY CHILDREN WILL FEED.
BLACK DEATH
BLACK ARMS LEADER
SHADOW FALL
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AND THE TRAITOR, SHADOW, IS ALREADY AT THE MERCY OF MY CHAMPION. ECLIPSE WILL ENACT OUR REVENGE, AND THEN NOTHING WILL STOP US FROM HARVESTING ALL LIFE ON THIS PLANET.

HELMETS UP! REBREATHERS ON! WE'VE GOT TOO MUCH TO DO BEFORE DYIN' TODAY, PEOPLE!
DEATH'S EYE REMOTE EYE OF BLACK DEATH
CPT. ANDREWS SPIDER TROUPE LEADER
I TOLD THAT IDIOT WE SHOULD'VE HAD THESE ON FROM THE START!
BUT THEN ALIENS WOULDN'T HAVE WASTED THEIR TIME TRYING TO GAS US. NOW WE'VE GOT SOME TIME WHILE THEY FIGURE OUT A NEW PLAN.
ROUGE TEAM DARK SPY
TYPICAL "MILITARY INTELLIGENCE." HOW'RE YOU DOING, TIN MAN?
I DO NOT POSSESS THE MEAT SACKS YOU CALL "LUNGS," AND SO I DO NOT SUFFER LIMITATIONS LIKE "BREATHING" OR THE IMPAIRMENT OF SUCH.
"I'M FINE" WOULD'VE WORKED, TOO.
OMEGA TEAM DARK ARSENAL
DEATH'S EYE, STAY WITH THEM. I AM GOING TO PERSONALLY ENSURE ECLIPSE GETS THE JOB DONE. I FEAR HE'S STILL FIXATED ON "CONVERTING" SHADOW.
sigh NONE OF THE OTHER RACES WE'VE CONSUMED WERE THIS MUCH TROUBLE. BLACK ANNELIDS, DESTROY THE INVADERS.
SOMEWHERE IN THE NEW BLACK COMET...
I TAKE IT YOU'RE THE NEW HIVE-MIND COMMANDING THE BLACK ARMS?
SHADOW ULTIMATE LIFEFORM
ECLIPSE ALIEN LIFEFORM
MEP NO, NOTHING SO LOFTY. BUT THEY DO LISTEN TO ME.
THEN LISTEN TO ME. ALL OF YOU GET OUT OF MY WAY AND SPARE YOURSELVES A BEATING.
AH, AND SAVE US FOR THAT BOMB OF YOURS? YOU'LL UNDERSTAND IF I'M NOT INCLINED TO HELP YOU OUT.
Hmph. AT LEAST YOU'VE KEPT YOUR TROOPS OFF MY BACK SO I CAN CHAOS--
--CONTROL? WHAT...WHY ISN'T IT WORKING?!
YOU'RE IN MY WORLD NOW. YOU LIVE--AND DIE-- BY MY RULES!

ELSEWHERE IN THE NEW BLACK COMET...
IT'S NO USE, SIR. THAT DOORWAY IS SEALED TIGHT.
I CAN BLOW OPEN A NEW DOOR.
AND OPEN US UP TO WHATEVER-THE-HECK IS OUT THERE? NO THANKS. WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IS--
KRASH
RRRRUMBLE
KRASH
KRASH
KRASH
OMEGA! CHANGE IN PLANS! MAKE US A DOOR!
WITH GUSTO!
RUN-AND-GUN! DON'T LET THEM TARGET YOU! THEY'RE LIVING MISSILE-LAUNCHERS!
GIGA TROOPER! SECURE THE NUKE! SPIDER TROUPE! FORM UP ON ME!
KRAKA
BOOM
THERE ARE ISLANDS OF LAND THREE STORIES DOWN.
IN WE GO, SPIDER TROUPE! CONTROLLED BURSTS WITH YOUR ROCKET PACKS--SAVE YOUR FUEL!
HOLD ON!
BRAT-AT-AT-AT-AT
WE CAN'T MOVE ON WITHOUT SHADOW!
ARE YOU KIDDING? HE LEFT US BEHIND! HE WAS OUR GUIDE, AND HE LEFT US TO BE AMBUSHED!
HE WAS SCOUTING AHEAD! HE MAY HAVE BEEN AMBUSHED AS WELL!
WELL THEN HE CAN USE HIS TELEPORTING AND CREEPY MIND-LINK TO FIND US! WE MORTALS ARE LEAVING THIS DEATH-TRAP!
Budda Budda
Budda Budda
BUT--!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT SHADOW. HE IS ALMOST AS STRONG AS ME. HE WILL BE FINE.
Budda Budda
Budda
YEAH-YEAH-YEAH. DOWN WE GO.

KLANG

WHICH WAY NOW, SIR?

PULL UP THE MISSION MAP. WE'LL PUSH FOR THE INTERIOR, LAY THE BOMB AND--

SIR, I THINK OUR COORDINATES ARE NO LONGER ACCURATE. NAVIGATION SENSORS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN SCRAMBLED.

IF ONLY WE HAD SOMEONE WITH INSIGHT INTO THIS PLACE WHO COULD HELP US. Oh, RIGHT! ***YOU LEFT HIM BEHIND!***

DON'T START WITH ME, LADY. ***I'M*** HEAD OF THIS UNIT--

AND YOUR UNIT IS THE ***ESCORT*** FOR TEAM DARK! ***YOU*** FOLLOW ***ME!***

...***FINE.*** LEAD US. WE CAN'T WAIT AROUND, OTHERWISE WE'RE EASY PICKINGS.

ANY IDEAS, OMEGA?

I DETECT SOUNDS OF FALLING LIQUID THIS WAY. ANOTHER VERTICAL SHAFT SUGGESTS ACCESS TO DEEPER INTO THE COMET.

THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME. YOU TAKE THE POINT.

"WE'LL JUST HAVE TO LOOK FOR SHADOW ALONG THE WAY."

HOW ARE YOU BLOCKING MY CHAOS CONTROL?!

FWOOM

WHOA-HO-HA-HA!!

WE'RE OF ONE BLOOD, YOU AND I! "CHAOS CONTROL" IS JUST PART OF WHO WE ARE!

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

FWOOM

Oh, WE'RE ***VERY*** CONNEC-TED...

...LET ME SHOW YOU.

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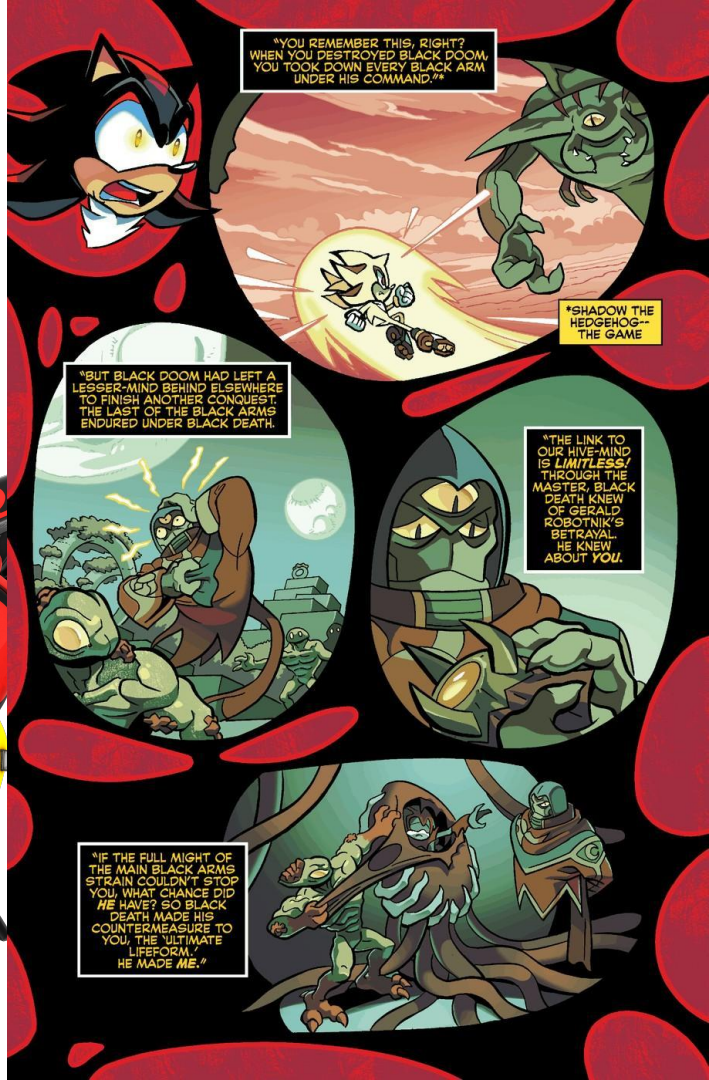

"YOU REMEMBER THIS, RIGHT? WHEN YOU DESTROYED BLACK DOOM, YOU TOOK DOWN EVERY BLACK ARM UNDER HIS COMMAND."*
*SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG--THE GAME
"BUT BLACK DOOM HAD LEFT A LESSER-MIND BEHIND ELSEWHERE TO FINISH ANOTHER CONQUEST. THE LAST OF THE BLACK ARMS ENDURED UNDER BLACK DEATH.
"THE LINK TO OUR HIVE-MIND IS LIMITLESS! THROUGH THE MASTER, BLACK DEATH KNEW OF GERALD ROBOTNIK'S BETRAYAL. HE KNEW ABOUT YOU.
"IF THE FULL MIGHT OF THE MAIN BLACK ARMS STRAIN COULDN'T STOP YOU, WHAT CHANCE DID HE HAVE? SO BLACK DEATH MADE HIS COUNTERMEASURE TO YOU, THE 'ULTIMATE LIFEFORM.' HE MADE ME."

"LIKE BLACK DOOM BEFORE HIM, BLACK DEATH COMMANDS THE HIVE-MIND. ALL OF THE BLACK ARMS HERE ARE AN EXTENTION OF HIS WILL.

"EXCEPT FOR ME. I'M FREE TO ACT OF MY *OWN* ACCORD. FREE TO THINK AND FIGHT YOU ON MY OWN TERMS. THE ULTIMATE ANSWER TO THE ULTIMATE PROBLEM.

"BUT...I'M ALSO FREE TO QUESTION IF THIS IS THE *ONLY* WAY. THE WAY I SEE IT, WE'RE AN ENDANGERED SPECIES. THE BLACK ARMS ARE NEARLY EXTINCT. SO WOULDN'T WE BE SO MUCH STRONGER WITH THE *BOTH* OF US WORKING TOGETHER?

"TWIN SONS OF DARKNESS! BROTHERS IN ARMS! WORLDS WOULD FOLD TO US, AND THE BLACK ARMS WOULD LIVE FOREVER!"

RRRGH! I DESTROYED YOU ONCE, I CAN DO IT AGAIN!

"SHADOW. YOU'RE NOT *LISTENING!* YOU DON'T *NEED* TO FIGHT US! YOU DON'T NEED TO PRETEND YOU'RE ONE OF THEM! YOU CAN FINALLY COME HOME!"

MY *HOME* IS THE SHATTERED WORLD BELOW.

I MADE A PROMISE TO PROTECT THAT WORLD. YOU AND THE BLACK ARMS WOULD SEE IT DESTROYED.

MY PATH IS CLEAR!

RRGG...LOSING... CONTROL...I-LITTLE HELP...HERE...

BOOM

VREEEEEEE

THERE IS NO ESCAPE FROM DEATH'S EYE!!

YOU WERE BORN FROM THE BLOOD OF THE BLACK ARMS.
YOU HAVE SEEN THE WORST *THAT* WORLD HAS TO OFFER.
YOU HAVE OVERCOME THEIR BEST. THEY ARE *BENEATH* YOU.
PROMISES WERE MADE TO BE BROKEN.
THERE IS *NOTHING* ON THAT WORLD FOR AN IMMORTAL LIKE YOU.
ONE DAY, THE FRIENDS AND RIVALS YOU HAVE NOW WILL MEAN NOTHING. THEY'LL ALL BE LONG GONE.

GET OUT OF MY HEAD!!
YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE, ECLIPSE. THIS IS POINTLESS. END HIM.
NO, WAIT! WE ALMOST GOT THROUGH TO HIM! YOU AGREED HE'D BE USEFUL TO US! ONE MORE PUSH AND I'M SURE--
YOU!
!
MEANT...TO DESTROY ME?... I'LL DESTROY YOU FIRST...
DESTROY-ING YOU... WOULD'VE BEEN...THE EASIER OPTION.../ I DIDN'T...
LAST CHANCE, ECLIPSE. WE TURN HIM NOW OR NEVER.
YOU ARE OF MY BLOOD. YOU ARE MINE TO COMMAND.
REMEMBER YOUR TRUE PURPOSE.
NNGH!
koff! *gasp!*
I...I AM... SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG...
...VANGUARD OF THE BLACK ARMS INVASION. I...AM TO BRING YOU THE CHAOS EMERALDS, AND ENSURE A SWIFT HARVEST OF THE WORLD BELOW.
koff!
SEE? I TOLD YOU IT COULD BE DONE.
hack!
WELCOME BACK TO THE FOLD, "BROTHER."

REGARDLESS, YOUR PURPOSE WAS TO DESTROY HIM.
THIS IS THE SECOND TIME I'VE ALLOWED YOU TO SO FREELY PURSUE YOUR OWN AMBITIONS. HAD I NOT ASSISTED YOU NOW, YOU WOULD HAVE FAILED.
DO NOT LET THIS BECOME A MISTAKE.
THE DARK ARMS WILL BE OUR FINEST SOLDIERS, MASTER. AND SHADOW WILL MAKE US STRONGER! ALL OF THIS WILL BENEFIT US IN THE END, YOU'LL SEE.
I EXPECT IT TO BENEFIT US NOW. THE INVADERS ARE STUMBLING THEIR WAY CLOSER TO THE CORE OF THE COMET. IF THEY GET MUCH FARTHER, THEIR BOMB COULD DESTROY US ALL.

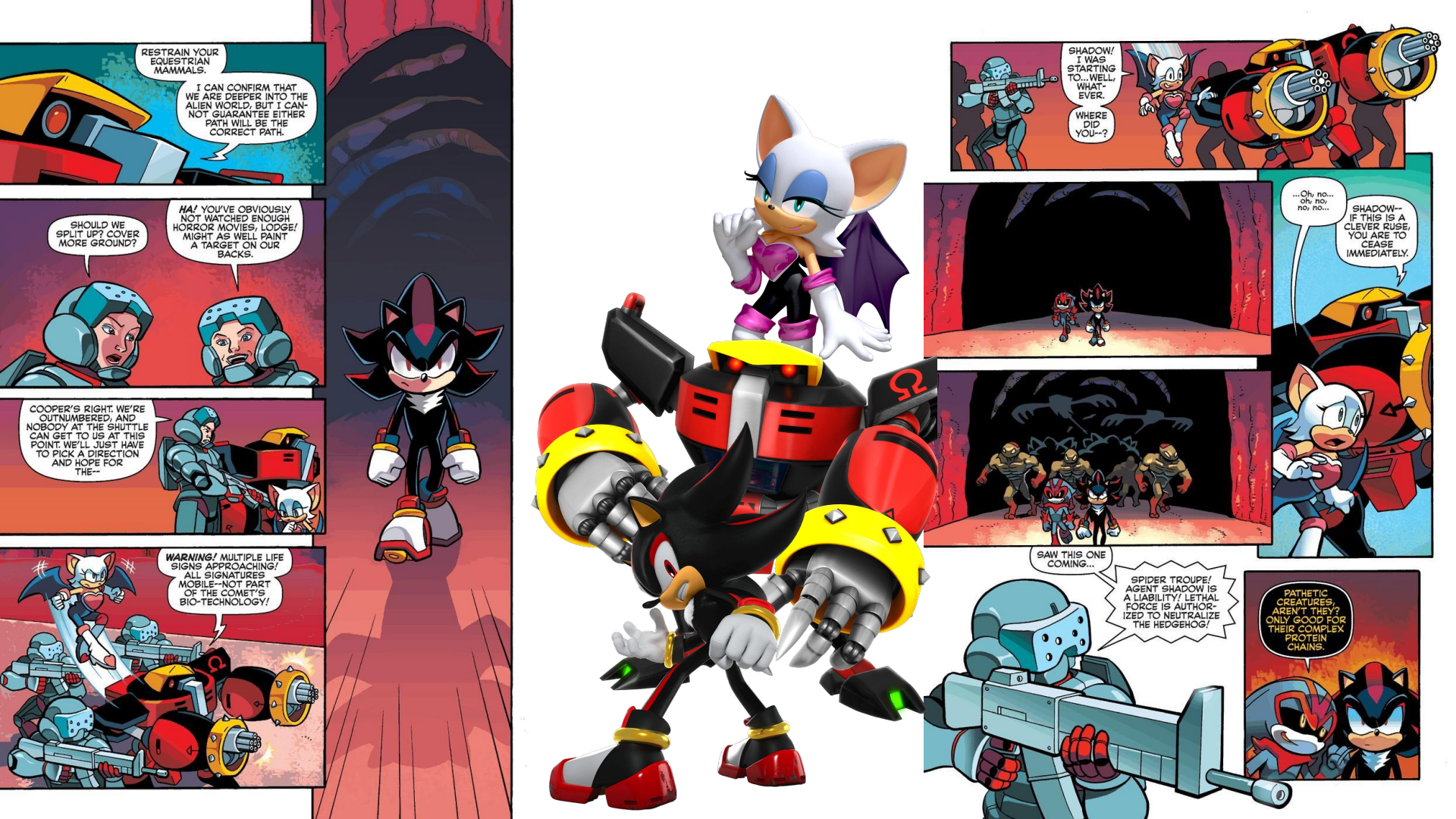
DESTROY THEM ALL! BRING ME THEIR BOMB! WE WILL USE IT TO PUNISH THE WORLD BELOW BEFORE WE HARVEST WHAT REMAINS!

MEANWHILE...
OKAY, WHERE TO NEXT?
PROCESSING. I AM NO LONGER DETECTING ANY POSSIBLE AUDIO CLUES.

THIS IS RIDICULOUS. WE'VE NO IDEA WHERE WE'RE GOING! LET'S JUST SET THE NUKE AND GET OUT OF HERE!
THAT'S A NEGATIVE, LODGE! EVEN IF THE BLAST KILLED ALL THE CREEPY-CRAWLIES, CHUNKS OF THIS ROCK COULD RAIN DOWN ON WHAT'S LEFT OF OUR PLANET. WE'RE DOING THIS RIGHT OR NOT AT ALL!
MY-MY. WE'RE IN TOTAL AGREEMENT FOR ONCE, ANDREWS.

THE WORLD IS ALREADY MESSED UP ENOUGH AS IT IS.* I'M NOT RISKING ANYTHING ELSE MAKING IT WORSE. ANY WORD FROM SHADOW?
NO. EITHER HE'S BEEN CAPTURED, OR HE'S DOING HIS BROODING-SOLO-THING.
*THE SHATTERED WORLD CRISIS AS SEEN IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG NOW!

IT BETTER BE THE FORMER, BECAUSE IF IT'S THE LATTER, I'M GONNA KILL HIM.
TAKE A NUMBER, LADY.
HEY! BIG GUY! WE CAN'T STAND AROUND FOREVER! WHICH WAY TO THIS COMET'S CORE SO WE CAN VAPORIZE THIS BAD BOY?


RESTRAIN YOUR EQUESTRIAN MAMMALS.
I CAN CONFIRM THAT WE ARE DEEPER INTO THE ALIEN WORLD, BUT I CANNOT GUARANTEE EITHER PATH WILL BE THE CORRECT PATH.
SHOULD WE SPLIT UP? COVER MORE GROUND?
HA! YOU'VE OBVIOUSLY NOT WATCHED ENOUGH HORROR MOVIES, LODGE! MIGHT AS WELL PAINT A TARGET ON OUR BACKS.
COOPER'S RIGHT. WE'RE OUTNUMBERED, AND NOBODY AT THE SHUTTLE CAN GET TO US AT THIS POINT. WE'LL JUST HAVE TO PICK A DIRECTION AND HOPE FOR THE--
WARNING! MULTIPLE LIFE SIGNS APPROACHING! ALL SIGNATURES MOBILE--NOT PART OF THE COMET'S BIO-TECHNOLOGY!
SHADOW! I WAS STARTING TO...WELL, WHATEVER.
WHERE DID YOU--?
...Oh, no... oh, no, no, no...
SHADOW--IF THIS IS A CLEVER RUSE, YOU ARE TO CEASE IMMEDIATELY.
SAW THIS ONE COMING...
SPIDER TROUPE! AGENT SHADOW IS A LIABILITY! LETHAL FORCE IS AUTHORIZED TO NEUTRALIZE THE HEDGEHOG!
PATHETIC CREATURES, AREN'T THEY? ONLY GOOD FOR THEIR COMPLEX PROTEIN CHAINS.

SHADOW! THEY'VE TRIED TO GET IN YOUR HEAD BEFORE! FIGHT THEM!
PROBABLE FINAL WARNING! DO NOT MAKE ME SHOOT YOU!
THEY GIVE YOU ORDERS? THREATEN TO SHOOT YOU?
AW.
WHY DON'T YOU GIVE THEM A REASONABLE RESPONSE?
BRR-ZA-ZA-ZA
THOOM
VREEEEEE
GET MOVING, ANDREWS! WE'LL KEEP SHADOW OFF YOUR BACK!
LEAVE US WITH THE ALIEN HORDE? THANKS FOR THE EASY JOB. SPIDER TROUPE! RUN-AND-GUN! ON THE DOUBLE!
COWARDS.
WE'LL HANDLE THE HUMANS, SHADOW! I'LL LEAVE THOSE TWO TO YOU, "BROTHER."
BRR-ZA-ZA-ZA
BRR-ZA-ZA-ZA
TEAM DARK--NO MORE?!
SHADOW--A PAWN OF THE BLACK ARMS?! THE FATE OF THE WORLD HANGS IN THE BALANCE AS THINGS GET MORE DIRE NEXT TIME!
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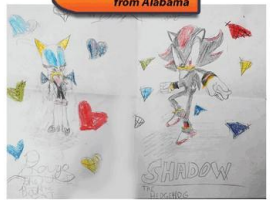

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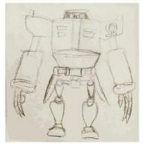

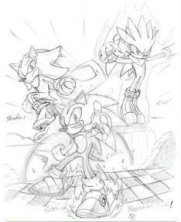

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...HRM... CAN'T... QUITE SEE WHAT'S GOING ON HERE...
SIGH
I REALLY OUGHT TO GET MY CATARACTS CHECKED...
EYE DROP
INDUSTRIAL SIZE

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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I have a few questions.

The "usual" makes another appearance!

1.I saw the ending of Pirate Plunder Panic. Will Captain Metal (programed in the Egg O' War) return?

Burning Blaze certainly did a number on the evil captain, but you have to remember that pirates are clever! The voyage with Captain Metal is still sailing! Read on!

2.Why does Marine talk like a pirate?

Marine actually has an Australian accent, however, her lingo is adapted from the speech heard on the seas! If you were venturing across the ocean wouldn't you want to talk like a pirate?

That is all. I hope I can write next time.

Lucas C. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com (p.s. I loved the crossover!)

Thanks for the letter, Lucas! You can write in as many times as you'd like, we are always happy to hear what you have to say!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I am a long time reader and a first time writer and I will have the usual.

Ah, I see you are no stranger to how we answer fan-mail around here!

First off, I've read about the new story arc Shadow Fall in the back of a comic. You said Team Dark has to fight aliens on a comet. Does this have any reference to the 2005 video game Shadow the Hedgehog?

It does! The events in Shadow Fall occur after the story in that game and are closely related. This is an all-new Black Comet containing the last few surviving Black Arms. As for why they are back is still to be revealed! Keep reading Shadow Fall for the answers!

That's all from me!

Tanner S. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Good to hear from you, Tanner!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Hi I am Nat from St. Louis!

Hey there pal!

I just wanted to ask if I am a bad drawer now and I want to work for Archie Comics in the future what would I do?

Nat B. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Well Nat, if you want to be an illustrator on the comics you should take a lot of art classes and aim for an art degree in college! If drawing isn't your cup of tea there are plenty of other ways to contribute to comics, but if you really want to draw them you should send in some of your current work, we'd love to see it!

See ya'll next month for part three of SHADOW FALL!

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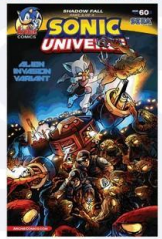

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PREVIOUSLY...

TEAM DARK NO MORE?!

With the world shattered, the last thing it needs is an alien invasion. Unfortunately, Black Death is leading the last remaining Black Arms aliens to do just that! Therefore, G.U.N. sent Team Dark and Spider Troupe out in a preemptive attack.

The mission has not gone well. Shadow was separated from the others, leaving Spider Troupe without a guide. Rouge and Omega were left to lead them as best they could to deliver the crucial nuclear bomb to the heart of the Black Comet.

Meanwhile, Shadow was confronted by Eclipse – a Black Arms alien bred specifically to counter him. Together, Black Death and Eclipse managed to psychically overpower Shadow. **The ultimate lifeform now serves the Black Arms, and is currently about to destroy his friends...**

WHO'S WHO

SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG
THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM

ROUGE THE BAT
SUPER SPY

E-123 OMEGA
ROGUE BADNIK

ECLIPSE THE DARKLING
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SHADOW!

DESIST IMMEDIATELY OR I WILL BE FORCED TO DESTROY YOU!

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G.U.N. SPY

SHADOW
MIND-CONTROLLED ALIEN HYBRID

OMEGA
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THWAKK

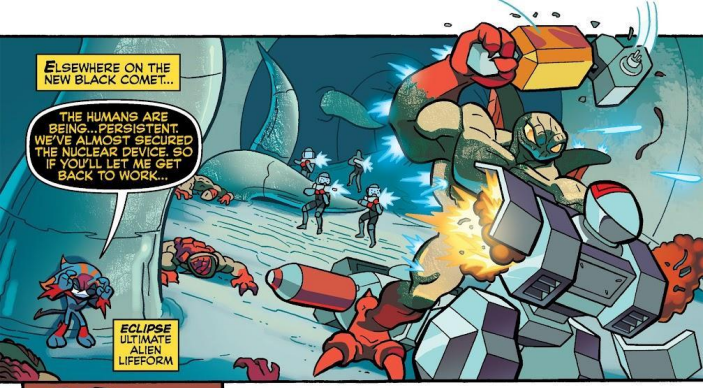
"DESTROY" HIM?
I WOULD ENJOY PROVING WHICH OF US IS STRONGER.
MAIMING WOULD BE INVOLVED. HE WOULD HEAL. EVENTUALLY.

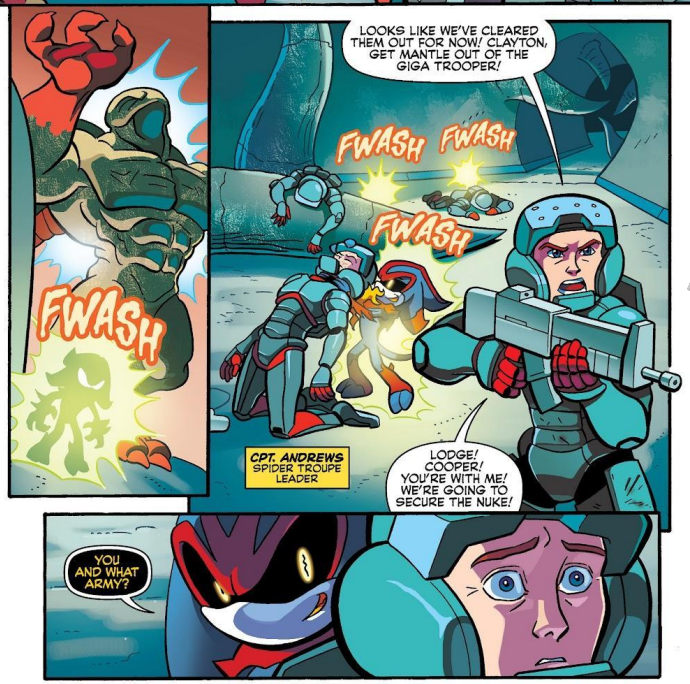
WE'RE TRYING TO WIN HIM BACK OVER TO OUR SIDE!
QUERY: WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO BE HONEST, THEN?
WIN... BACK...?

DO NOT LISTEN TO THEM. DO NOT SPEAK TO THEM.
DESTROY THEM.

HERE HE COMES!

DEEPER IN THE NEW BLACK COMET...
Hrm... SHADOW IS SHOWING CONSIDERABLE RESISTANCE TO MY MIND-CONTROL. NO WONDER BLACK DOOM COULDN'T CONTROL HIM.*
BLACK DEATH BLACK ARMS' LEADER
*SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG —THE GAME
I LET MY THIRST FOR REVENGE CLOUD MY JUDGEMENT. SHADOW WAS MEANT TO BE OUR CHAMPION, LEADING US TO A SWIFT CONQUEST OF THE PLANET. INSTEAD, HE BETRAYED US, AND NEARLY WIPED OUT OUR KIND.
I HAD HOPED TO INVADE THE WORLD QUICKLY AND QUIETLY, LET ECLIPSE NEUTRALIZE SHADOW AND USE THE DARK ARMS PROJECT TO EMPOWER MY WARRIORS.
INSTEAD, WE WERE INVADED, AND I LET ECLIPSE CONVINCE ME TO WASTE PRECIOUS TIME TRYING TO CONTROL SHADOW.
USING SHADOW TO DESTROY THE WORLD HE'S SWORN TO PROTECT WOULD BE SWEET. BUT...EITHER HE WILL DESTROY HIS FRIENDS, OR THEY WILL DESTROY HIM. I CAN WORK WITH EITHER SCENARIO...
...PROVIDED THE HUMANS AND THEIR BOMB ARE PROPERLY DEALT WITH.
ECLIPSE? REPORT.


ELSEWHERE ON THE NEW BLACK COMET...
THE HUMANS ARE BEING...PERSISTENT. WE'VE ALMOST SECURED THE NUCLEAR DEVICE. SO IF YOU'LL LET ME GET BACK TO WORK...
ECLIPSE
ULTIMATE ALIEN LIFEFORM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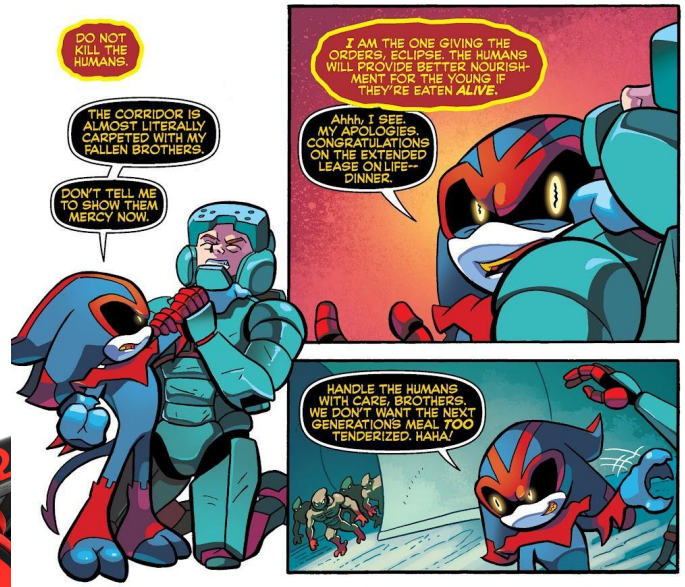
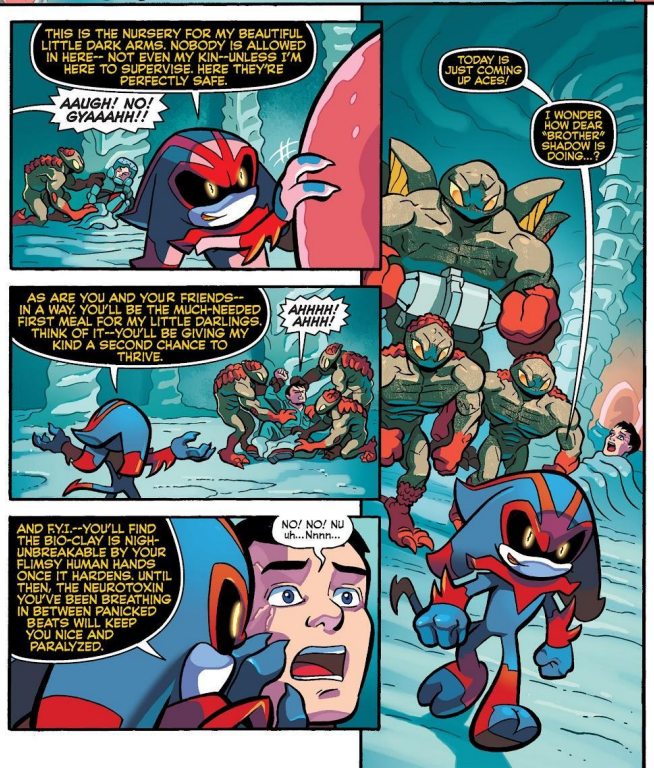
LOOKS LIKE WE'VE CLEARED THEM OUT FOR NOW! CLAYTON, GET MANTLE OUT OF THE GIGA TROOPER!
FWASH FWASH
FWASH
CPT. ANDREWS
SPIDER TROUPE LEADER
LODGE! COOPER! YOU'RE WITH ME! WE'RE GOING TO SECURE THE NUKE!
YOU AND WHAT ARMY?

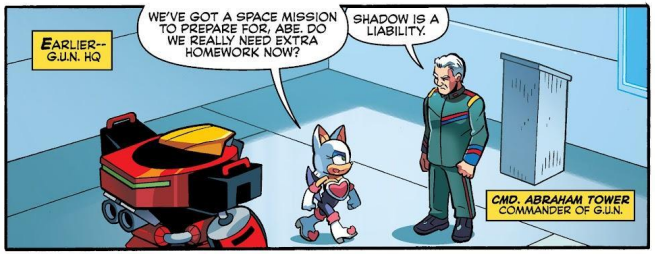

DO NOT KILL THE HUMANS.
THE CORRIDOR IS ALMOST LITERALLY CARPETED WITH MY FALLEN BROTHERS.
DON'T TELL ME TO SHOW THEM MERCY NOW.
I AM THE ONE GIVING THE ORDERS, ECLIPSE. THE HUMANS WILL PROVIDE BETTER NOURISHMENT FOR THE YOUNG IF THEY'RE EATEN ALIVE.
Ahhh, I SEE. MY APOLOGIES. CONGRATULATIONS ON THE EXTENDED LEASE ON LIFE--DINNER.
HANDLE THE HUMANS WITH CARE, BROTHERS. WE DON'T WANT THE NEXT GENERATIONS MEAL TOO TENDERIZED. HAHA!

GET THAT LAST HUMAN OUT OF THAT MECHANICAL... THING...AND TAKE HIM WITH THE OTHERS.
YOU THERE! PICK UP THAT BOMB. IT'S COMING WITH US.
AHHHH! AHHH!
"WE'RE TAKING THEM TO THE MOST SECURE PLACE ON THE COMET."

AHHHH! AHHH!
BEHOLD, LONE CONSCIOUS AND TERRIFIED HUMAN! THE FRUITS OF MY LABOR! THE FUTURE OF THE BLACK ARMS!


THIS IS THE NURSERY FOR MY BEAUTIFUL LITTLE DARK ARMS. NOBODY IS ALLOWED IN HERE-- NOT EVEN MY KIN--UNLESS I'M HERE TO SUPERVISE. HERE THEY'RE PERFECTLY SAFE.
AAUGH! NO! GYAAAHH!!
TODAY IS JUST COMING UP ACES!
I WONDER HOW DEAR "BROTHER" SHADOW IS DOING...?
AS ARE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS-- IN A WAY. YOU'LL BE THE MUCH-NEEDED FIRST MEAL FOR MY LITTLE DARLINGS. THINK OF IT--YOU'LL BE GIVING MY KIND A SECOND CHANCE TO THRIVE.
AHHHH! AHHH!
AND FYI.--YOU'LL FIND THE BIO-CLAY IS NIGH-UNBREAKABLE BY YOUR FLIMSY HUMAN HANDS ONCE IT HARDENS. UNTIL THEN, THE NEUROTOXIN YOU'VE BEEN BREATHING IN BETWEEN PANICKED BEATS WILL KEEP YOU NICE AND PARALYZED.
NO! NO! NU uh...Nnnn...

THOK
VWIP
TELEPORTING!
GOT HIM!
THOOM
WARNING! WE NEED TO FINISH THIS BEFORE WE HAVE TO--
I KNOW! I KNOW! I'M THINKING...
"ROUGE? OMEGA? A WORD PLEASE."


EARLIER--
G.U.N. HQ
WE'VE GOT A SPACE MISSION TO PREPARE FOR, ABE. DO WE REALLY NEED EXTRA HOMEWORK NOW?
SHADOW IS A LIABILITY.
CMD. ABRAHAM TOWER
COMMANDER OF G.U.N.

SHADOW IS A HERO.
REMINDER: RANKS ARE NOT BULLET-PROOF.
BLUSTER ALL YOU WANT. THE FACT IS SHADOW IS PART ALIEN. WE'RE UTILIZING THAT FOR THIS MISSION. ...BUT WE CANNOT TURN A BLIND EYE TO IT BEING A POSSIBLE EDGE FOR THE BLACK ARMS AS WELL.
THEN WE'LL KEEP AN EYE ON HIM/

YES. AND IF HE GOES ROGUE, YOU'RE GOING TO NEUTRALIZE HIM.
WHAT?/ I... HOW DARE YOU?/ WE'RE--/
THE TWO WHO KNOW HIM THE BEST...

...AND THE TWO ON HAND THAT CAN DO THE JOB IF IT COMES TO THAT. THE PLANET'S CRUST IS A JIGSAW PUZZLE. THE FLYING FLEET IS SPREAD TOO THIN AND G.U.N. CAN BARELY KEEP THE WORLD FUNCTIONING.* THE LAST THING WE NEED IS GERALD'S CHAOS-FUELED MONSTER LEADING AN ALIEN INVASION.
*THE WORLD BROKE APART IN STH #256

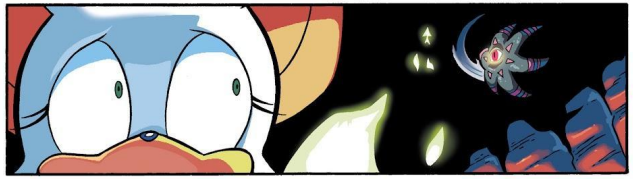
LISTEN. I'VE...MADE MY PEACE WITH SHADOW. I BEAR HIM NO ILL WILL. I DON'T LIKE SENDING SOLDIERS TO THEIR DEATHS. BUT WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO ONE LIFE VERSUS MILLIONS, THERE'S NO CHOICE. I TRUST YOU TWO WILL DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

...WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE...?

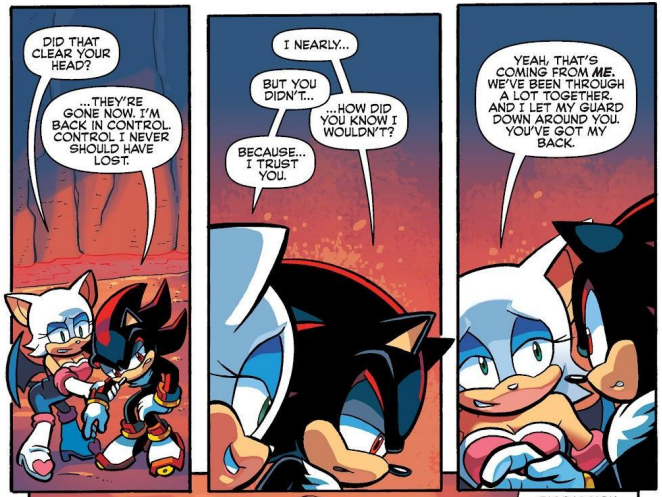
GET OFF OF HIM.
ARE YOU SURE? I HAVE NOT SUCCESSFULLY BEATEN SENSE NOR A CONCUSSION INTO HIM YET.
JUST MOVE ALREADY.

I KNOW THE REAL SHADOW CAN HEAR ME, SO LISTEN UP. YOU'RE THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM. YOU'RE TOO STRONG AND TOO STUBBORN TO LET THESE ALIENS GET INTO YOUR HEAD.

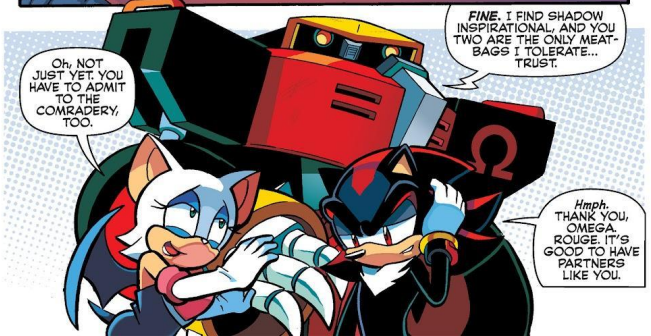
I FIGURE YOU'VE GOT SOME KIND OF INNER STRUGGLE.
NOT THAT YOU'LL TELL US--YOU PREFER TO BROOD AND INTERNALIZE.
BUT THIS IS FOR THE SAKE OF EVERYONE BACK HOME. SO ARE YOU GOING TO GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER, OR AM I GOING TO HAVE TO GET SAPPY AND INVOKE MARIA FOR THE HUNDREDTH TIME?
ZZT



OMEGA... ALIEN... TEN O'CLOCK HIGH... CONTROL-LING...
UNDERSTOOD!
DAKKA-DAKKA-DAKKA
DAKKA-DAKKA-DAKKA
FWOOSH
PFWEEE
KA-BOOM
DAKKA-DAKKA-DAKKA
FWOOSH
DAKKA-DAKKA-DAKKA
GRRR ARGH! AUGH! AHHH... HAA...
FWOOSH
KA-BOOM


DID THAT CLEAR YOUR HEAD?
...THEY'RE GONE NOW. I'M BACK IN CONTROL. CONTROL I NEVER SHOULD HAVE LOST.
I NEARLY...
BUT YOU DIDN'T...
...HOW DID YOU KNOW I WOULDN'T?
BECAUSE... I TRUST YOU.
YEAH, THAT'S COMING FROM ME. WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT TOGETHER. AND I LET MY GUARD DOWN AROUND YOU. YOU'VE GOT MY BACK.

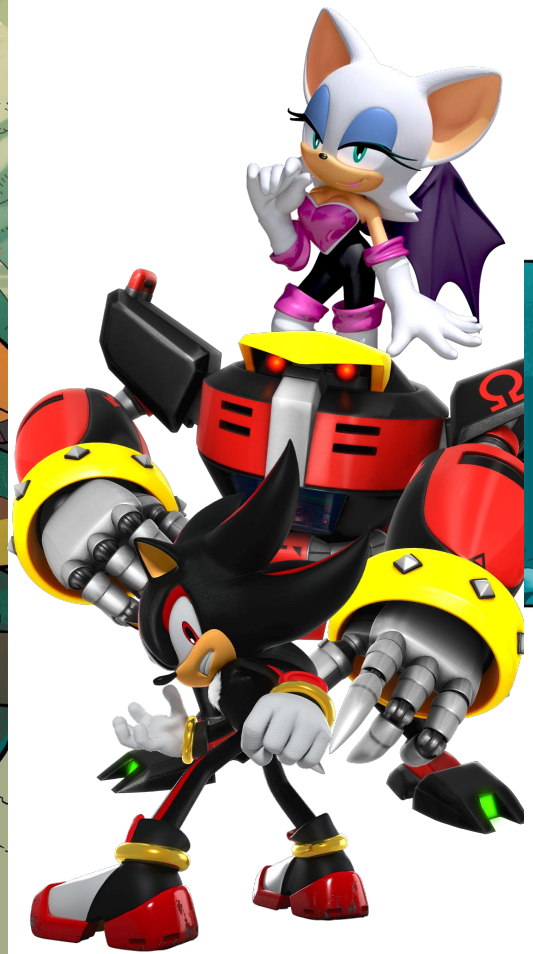
THAT, AND I KNEW THAT CRACK ABOUT MARIA WOULD TICK YOU OFF.
Hmph. CAREFUL. WE'RE IN DANGER OF BECOMING ALL BUDDY-BUDDY LIKE SONIC'S FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
DISCUSSION OF TEAM STATUS IS IRRELEVANT-- THE TARGET ESCAPED. THIS NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED. WITH FIRE.

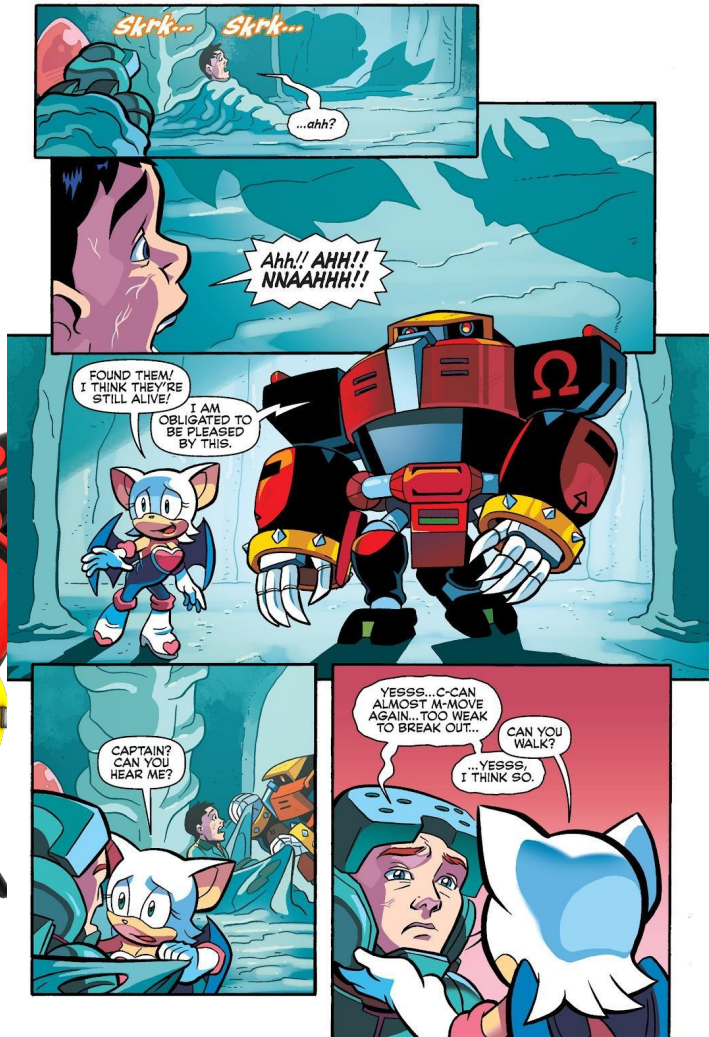

Oh, NOT JUST YET. YOU HAVE TO ADMIT TO THE COMRADERY, TOO.
FINE. I FIND SHADOW INSPIRATIONAL, AND YOU TWO ARE THE ONLY MEAT-BAGS I TOLERATE... TRUST.
Hmph. THANK YOU, OMEGA. ROUGE. IT'S GOOD TO HAVE PARTNERS LIKE YOU.

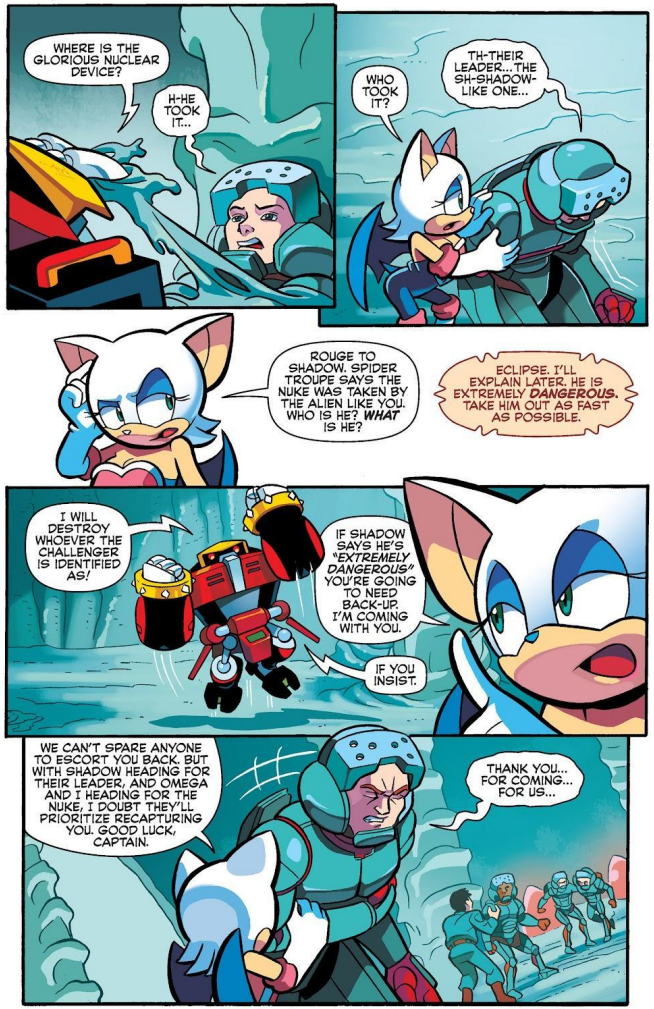
MAY WE RESUME THE VIOLENT CONQUEST NOW?
YES. YOU TWO WILL CHECK ON SPIDER TROUPE AND THEN ENSURE THE BOMB IS DEPLOYED. I WILL...
Oh, NO YOU DON'T. WE JUST BROKE THE MIND-CONTROL. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO RUN OFF ON YOUR OWN AND GET CAUGHT AGAIN.
CONCERN: THE TRACKING SIGNAL FOR SPIDER TROUPE IS WEAK, AND THE ALIEN ARCHITECTURE IS MAZE-LIKE. LOCATING THEM WILL BE DIFFICULT.
NO. SINCE BLACK DEATH GOT INTO MY HEAD, I'VE GOT A MUCH STRONGER CONNECTION TO THE HIVE-MIND. I CAN DIRECT YOU.
...I WILL ELIMINATE BLACK DEATH, THEIR LEADER. THAT WILL DRAW THE BLACK ARMS AWAY FROM YOU. NOTHING WILL STOP ME FROM MY REVENGE.
YIKES! OKAY, I'M CONVINCED!
AS I SAID-- INSPIRATIONAL.
TEAM DARK
MOVE OUT!!

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING DEEPER DOWN. WHAT SHOULD WE BE LOOKING FOR?
YOU'LL EXIT INTO A LARGER CHAMBER. LOOK FOR TUNNELS HEADING UPWARDS. THEY SHOULD BE AT ABOUT THREE O'CLOCK FROM YOUR POSITION.
UNDERSTOOD. WE'RE NOT MEETING ANY RESISTANCE. WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I'M ENCOUNTERING SOME. NOTHING I CAN'T HANDLE.

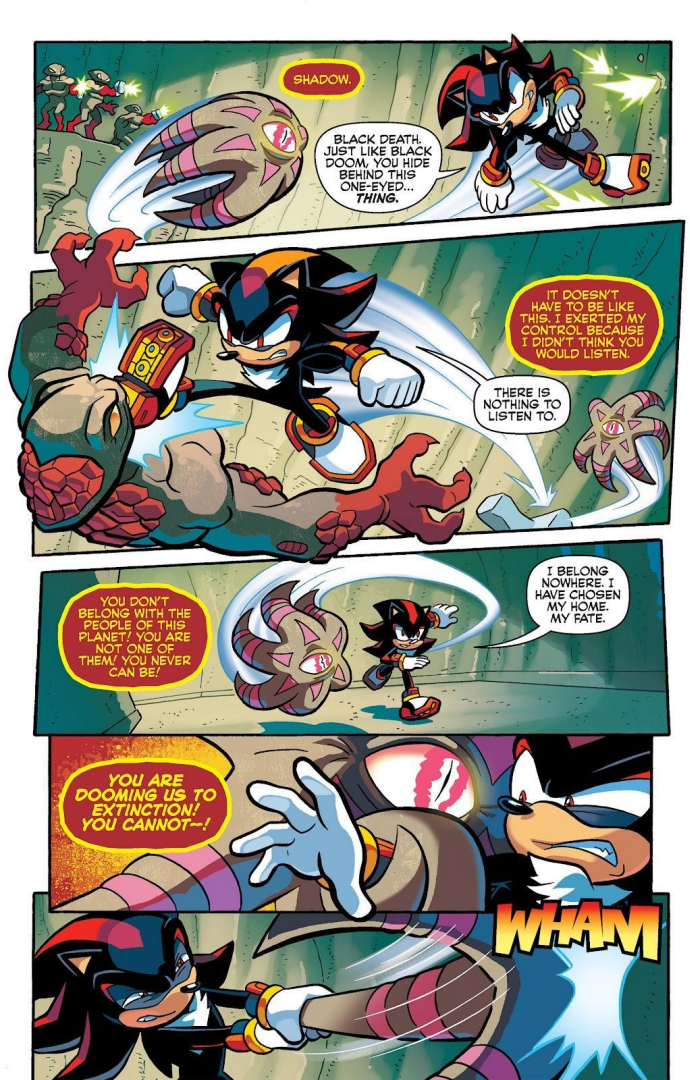
BLAM
ROOAARR!




Skrk... Skrk...
...ahh?
Ahh!! AHH!! NNAAHHH!!
FOUND THEM! I THINK THEY'RE STILL ALIVE!
I AM OBLIGATED TO BE PLEASED BY THIS.
CAPTAIN? CAN YOU HEAR ME?
YESSS...C-CAN ALMOST M-MOVE AGAIN...TOO WEAK TO BREAK OUT..
CAN YOU WALK?
...YESSS, I THINK SO.


WHERE IS THE GLORIOUS NUCLEAR DEVICE?
H-HE TOOK IT...
WHO TOOK IT?
TH-THEIR LEADER... THE SH-SHADOW-LIKE ONE...
ROUGE TO SHADOW. SPIDER TROUPE SAYS THE NUKE WAS TAKEN BY THE ALIEN LIKE YOU. WHO IS HE? WHAT IS HE?
ECLIPSE, I'LL EXPLAIN LATER. HE IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. TAKE HIM OUT AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.
I WILL DESTROY WHOEVER THE CHALLENGER IS IDENTIFIED AS!
IF SHADOW SAYS HE'S "EXTREMELY DANGEROUS" YOU'RE GOING TO NEED BACK-UP. I'M COMING WITH YOU.
IF YOU INSIST.
WE CAN'T SPARE ANYONE TO ESCORT YOU BACK. BUT WITH SHADOW HEADING FOR THEIR LEADER, AND OMEGA AND I HEADING FOR THE NUKE, I DOUBT THEY'LL PRIORITIZE RECAPTURING YOU. GOOD LUCK, CAPTAIN.
THANK YOU... FOR COMING... FOR US...

CAPTAIN--THERE SEEMS TO BE A DIRECT ROUTE BACK TO THE SHUTTLE. THEY MAY HAVE BEEN PLANNING AN AMBUSH EARLIER, BUT THE WAY IS CLEAR NOW. TAKE THE RIGHT FORK AHEAD, THEN FOLLOW THE LEFT-HAND WALL.
OMEGA! ROUGE! ECLIPSE IS SEVEN O'CLOCK FROM YOUR POSITION--A STRAIGHT SHOT. HE HAS A BLACK OAK WITH HIM. IT HAS THE NUKE. HURRY!
WARRIORS--HEAD TO THE DARK ARMS' NURSERY. MOVE THE INCUBATORS TO A SHUTTLE. DO IT QUICKLY.
WAIT, WHAT? WHAT'S HAPPENING?
THE HUMANS ARE NO LONGER CAPTIVE. SHADOW IS FREE OF MY CONTROL AND COMING FOR ME.
WHAT?! BUT I...I THOUGHT WE...WAIT, THEY WERE IN THE NURSERY?! DID THEY HURT THE DARK ARMS? I'LL HUNT THEM DOWN AND RIP--!
THE DARK ARMS ARE UNHARMED. THE BAT-WOMAN AND THE MACHINE ARE HEADING YOUR WAY. DO NOT LET THEM GET THE BOMB.
I...YES, MASTER.


SHADOW.
BLACK DEATH, JUST LIKE BLACK DOOM, YOU HIDE BEHIND THIS ONE-EYED... THING.
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS. I EXERTED MY CONTROL BECAUSE I DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD LISTEN.
THERE IS NOTHING TO LISTEN TO.
YOU DON'T BELONG WITH THE PEOPLE OF THIS PLANET! YOU ARE NOT ONE OF THEM! YOU NEVER CAN BE!
I BELONG NOWHERE. I HAVE CHOSEN MY HOME. MY FATE.
YOU ARE DOOMING US TO EXTINCTION! YOU CANNOT—!
WHAM

I CAN.
AND I WILL!
CRASH

SHADOW VS. BLACK DEATH
FOR THE FATE OF THE BLACK ARMS!
THIS IS IT!!
ROUGE and OMEGA vs. ECLIPSE FOR THE CONTROL OF THE BOMB! EVERYTHING FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD! DON'T MISS THE NO-HOLDS-BARRED FINALE NEXT MONTH!!
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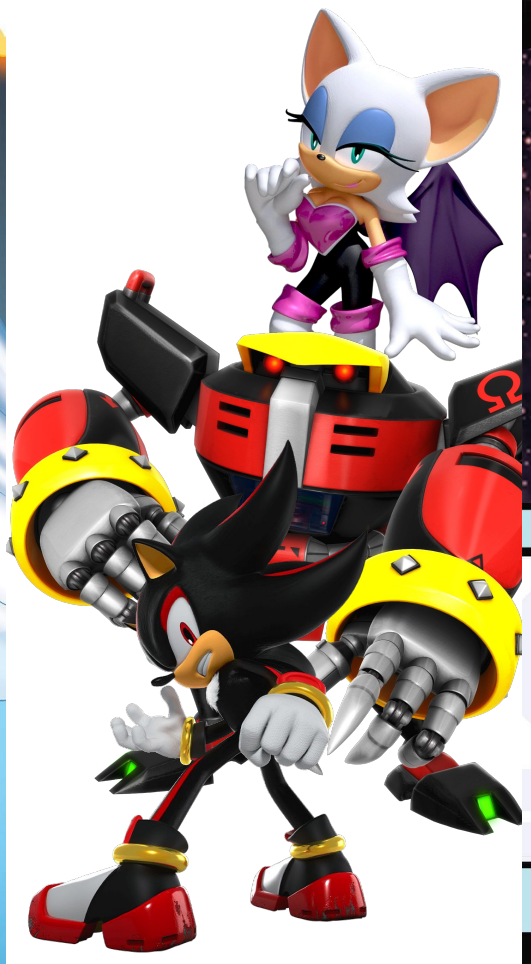

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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Hello cool people, the new Shadow arc looks good so far and I look forward to seeing more action *Shadow the Hedgehog style.*

Howdy cool person! We're building up to the big conclusion of Shadow's story, but that does not necessarily mean his adventure is over! Keep your eyes peeled for more on the Ultimate Life Form!

Do you have any plans to give Nicole a story arc? If so, that would be awesome.

Nicole has had a very prominent role in the most recent Sonic the Hedgehog storyline, "Countdown to Chaos" and will continue to aid the Freedom Fighters in upcoming issues, so get stoked!

Also if you decide to add Honey the Cat in the comics can she be a hero or at least an anti-hero who's mostly good?

We would love to include some of the more lesser known characters in some fashion. Stick with Sonic the Hedgehog and Sonic Universe to see if your favorites will make an appearance! Extra points to the fan who can tell us which cover Honey the Cat made a cameo appearance on!

Well that's all for now!
From Big Sonic Fan, Patrick L. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

PS. Ian Flynn has done a great job with the comics so far!

Thanks for writing in, Patrick! Ian sure has! We can't wait to see where Sonic and friends will go next, and with Ian at the helm, it's sure to be a crazy fun ride!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Your Sonic books are awesome! I love them!
Thomas D. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the short and sweet comment, Thomas!

See ya'll next month for the epic conclusion to SHADOW FALL!

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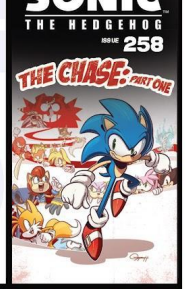

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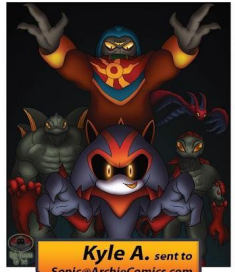

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YOU KNOW, FOR A GENETICALLY-ENGINEERED ALIEN HYBRID CREATED ENTIRELY FOR REVENGE, YOUR PERSONALITY IS... UNEXPECTED.
WELL, I WAS MADE USING INFORMATION SENT BY BLACK DOOM FROM YOUR PLANET.
RIGHT. INFORMATION ON ME.
WELL, NO... NOT JUST YOU...
UP NEXT, CHAO IN SPACE: THE CHAOENING
GOOD... I GREW UP WATCHING A LOT OF TV...
OH FOR THE LOVE OF...!

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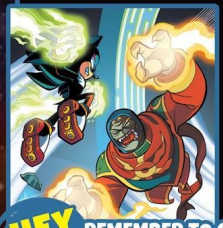
PREVIOUSLY...

THE FINAL SHOWDOWN

Shadow the Hedgehog was developed by Prof. Gerald Robotnik fifty years ago. Built to be the "ultimate life-form," Shadow was made possible thanks to the DNA of the evil space alien, Black Doom. Black Doom wanted Shadow to be his chief agent in conquering the world. Prof. Gerald hoped Shadow would save it instead.

Fast forward fifty years. Black Doom and his Black Arms aliens attacked the planet. Ultimately, Shadow fought against the invaders, destroyed Black Doom, and nearly wiped out the Black Arms. Deep in space, the last colony of Black Arms – led by Black Death – began plotting their revenge.



Now the final showdown is upon us. Black Death and Shadow battle to the bitter end in the heart of the New Black Comet. Meanwhile, Omega and Rouge race to find the nuclear warhead they brought to blow up the alien menace before it's used by the enemy...

HEY KIDS! REMEMBER TO CONTINUE READING TO THE LAST PAGE IN THIS COMIC TO SEE THE SPECIAL "AFTER THE CREDITS" ENDING!

WHO'S WHO

SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG
THE ULTIMATE LIFE-FORM

ROUGE THE BAT
SUPER SPY

E-123 OMEGA
ROGUE BADNIK

ECLIPSE THE DARKLING
EVIL ALIEN

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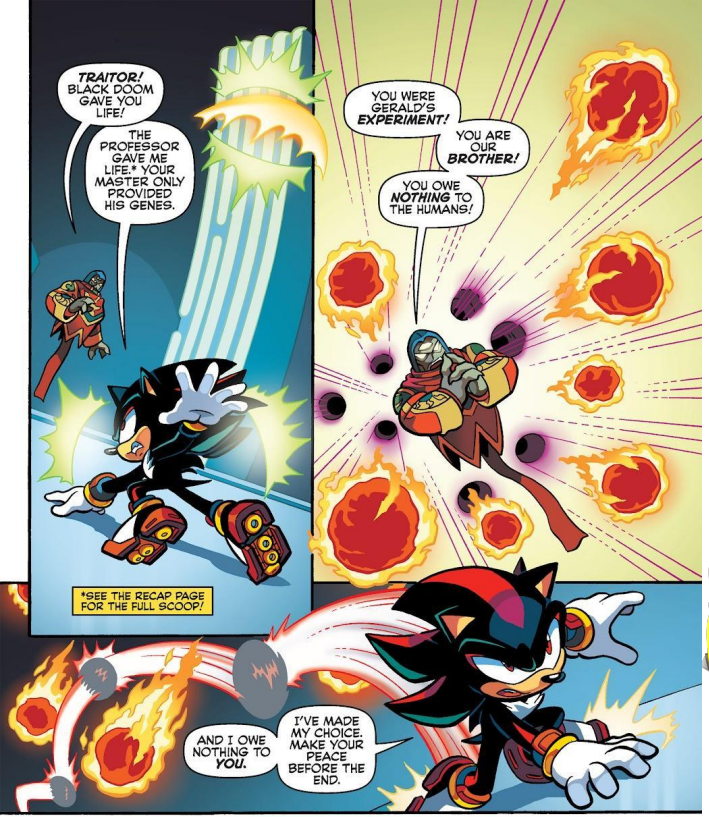

TRAITOR! BLACK DOOM GAVE YOU LIFE!
THE PROFESSOR GAVE ME LIFE.* YOUR MASTER ONLY PROVIDED HIS GENES.
YOU WERE GERALD'S EXPERIMENT!
YOU ARE OUR BROTHER!
YOU OWE NOTHING TO THE HUMANS!
*SEE THE RECAP PAGE FOR THE FULL SCOOP!
AND I OWE NOTHING TO YOU.
I'VE MADE MY CHOICE. MAKE YOUR PEACE BEFORE THE END.

YOU CAN'T KILL ME! YOU CAN'T BLOW UP OUR COMET! YOU'LL BE DOOMING OUR RACE TO EXTINCTION!!
FWO-BOOM

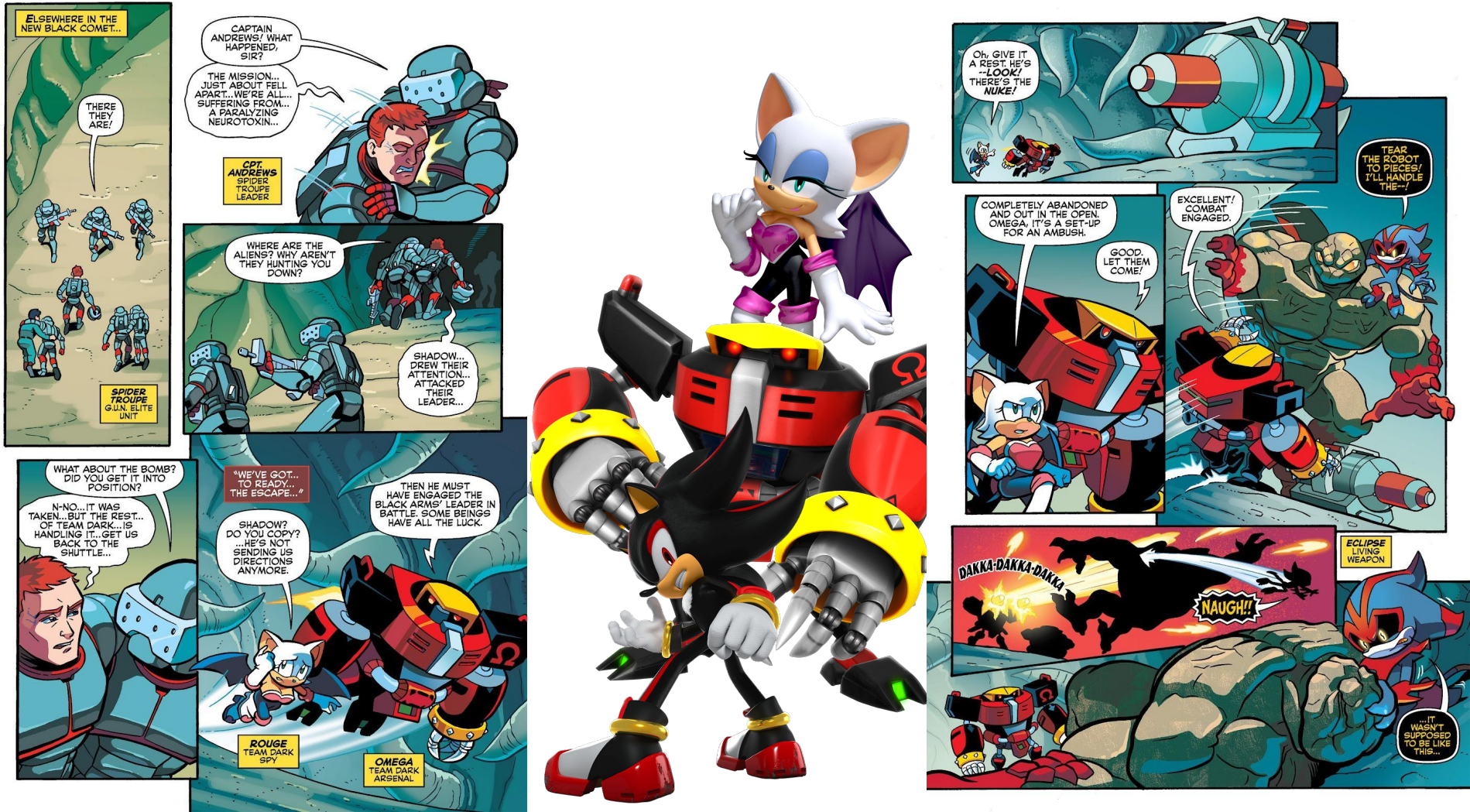
WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO PASS JUDGMENT OVER THE BLACK ARMS?!
TWICE?!
BLAM

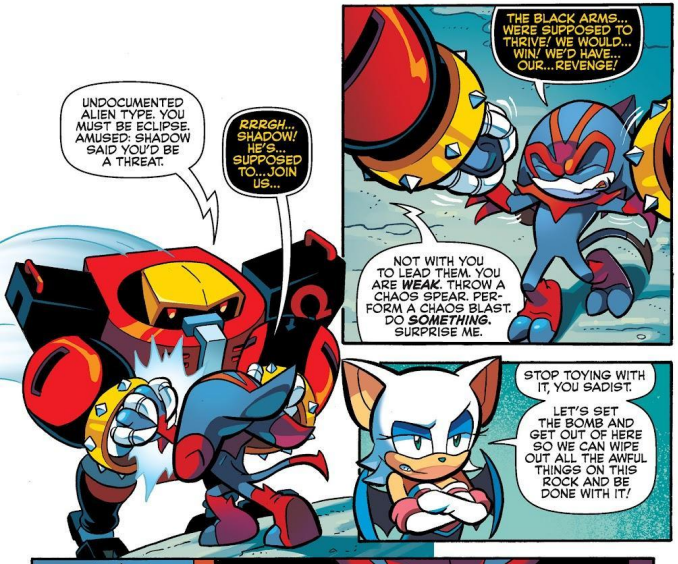
BECAUSE YOUR IDEA OF "SURVIVAL" IS THE DESTRUCTION OF EVERYONE ELSE.

BECAUSE YOU SEE EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING ELSE AS FUEL, AS FOOD, AS FODDER.

YOU STRIVE TO PROTECT A THOUSAND RAVENOUS, MINDLESS MONSTERS AND CALL YOURSELF RIGHTEOUS.

BOOM
I SWORE TO MARIA I WOULD PROTECT THE BILLIONS OF INDIVIDUALS ON THE PLANET BELOW.
THE PEOPLE SHE LOVED UNCONDITIONALLY.
PREPARE FOR YOUR END!


ELSEWHERE IN THE NEW BLACK COMET...
THERE THEY ARE!
SPIDER TROUPE G.U.N. ELITE UNIT
CAPTAIN ANDREWS! WHAT HAPPENED, SIR?
THE MISSION... JUST ABOUT FELL APART... WE'RE ALL... SUFFERING FROM... A PARALYZING NEUROTOXIN...
CPT. ANDREWS SPIDER TROUPE LEADER
WHERE ARE THE ALIENS? WHY AREN'T THEY HUNTING YOU DOWN?
SHADOW... DREW THEIR ATTENTION... ATTACKED THEIR LEADER...
WHAT ABOUT THE BOMB? DID YOU GET IT INTO POSITION?
N-NO...IT WAS TAKEN...BUT THE REST... OF TEAM DARK...IS HANDLING IT...GET US BACK TO THE SHUTTLE...
"WE'VE GOT... TO READY... THE ESCAPE..."
SHADOW? DO YOU COPY? ...HE'S NOT SENDING US DIRECTIONS ANYMORE.
THEN HE MUST HAVE ENGAGED THE BLACK ARMS' LEADER IN BATTLE. SOME BEINGS HAVE ALL THE LUCK.
ROUGE TEAM DARK SPY
OMEGA TEAM DARK ARSENAL
Oh, GIVE IT A REST, HE'S --LOOK! THERE'S THE NUKE!
COMPLETELY ABANDONED AND OUT IN THE OPEN. OMEGA, IT'S A SET-UP FOR AN AMBUSH.
GOOD. LET THEM COME!
EXCELLENT! COMBAT ENGAGED.
TEAR THE ROBOT TO PIECES! I'LL HANDLE THE--!
DAKKA-DAKKA-DAKKA
NAUGH!!
ECLIPSE LIVING WEAPON
...IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS...


UNDOCUMENTED ALIEN TYPE. YOU MUST BE ECLIPSE. AMUSED: SHADOW SAID YOU'D BE A THREAT.
RRRGH...! SHADOW! HE'S... SUPPOSED TO... JOIN US...
THE BLACK ARMS... WERE SUPPOSED TO THRIVE! WE WOULD... WIN! WE'D HAVE... OUR... REVENGE!
NOT WITH YOU TO LEAD THEM. YOU ARE WEAK. THROW A CHAOS SPEAR. PERFORM A CHAOS BLAST. DO SOMETHING. SURPRISE ME.
STOP TOYING WITH IT, YOU SADIST.
LET'S SET THE BOMB AND GET OUT OF HERE SO WE CAN WIPE OUT ALL THE AWFUL THINGS ON THIS ROCK AND BE DONE WITH IT!

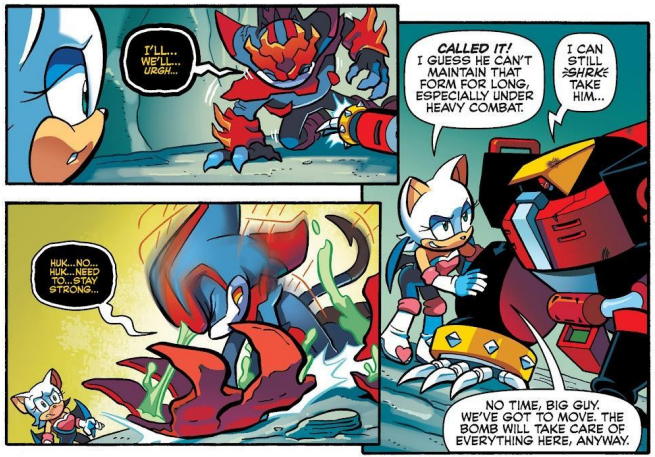
NO!

WELL, ROBOT? SURPRISED? SATISFIED?! I WAS BORN TO CRUSH SHADOW! YOU ARE NOTHING TO ME!!
WARNING--TARGET EXHIBITS IMPRESSIVE METAMORPHIC ABILITIES. SENSORS DETECT EXPONENTIAL GROWTH IN STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE.
Oh BOY. TRANSFORMING LIKE THAT MIGHT BURN OUT HIS METABOLISM, THOUGH. KEEP THE PRESSURE ON HIM --SEE IF HE CRACKS. I'M ARMING THE NUKE BEFORE THINGS GET EVEN MORE OUT OF CONTROL.
UNDERSTOOD. ENGAGING IN BATTLE--
--FOR SCIENCE!

AGENT ROUGE TO SHUTTLE RATATOSK. I NEED THE ACTIVATION CODE TO ARM THE NUCLEAR DEVICE-- OVER.
COPY THAT, AGENT ROUGE. ACTIVATION CODE IS: SIERRA-UNIFORM-ZERO-SIX-TWO-- OVER.
COPY THAT. YOU'RE TO LEAVE IN TEN MINUTES...WITH OR WITHOUT US. OVER.
YOUR WORLD! ITS RESOURCES --ITS PEOPLE-- ALL FOR US! WE'VE CONSUMED COUNTLESS WORLDS!

BREEP
SHUNK
SHUNK

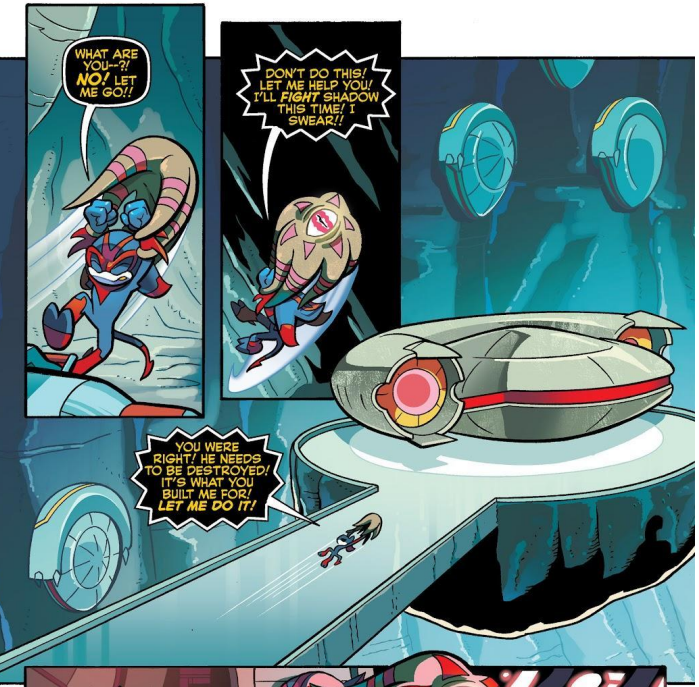
YOU'RE NOT SPECIAL! YOU'RE NOT SUPERIOR!
I WILL PERSONALLY CONSUME EVERYONE YOU LOVE--
DAKKA-DAKKA-DAKKA
DAKKA-DAKKA-DAKKA-DAKKA
--AND BURN YOUR PLANET TO A CINDER!


I'LL... WE'LL... URGH...
CALLED IT! I GUESS HE CAN'T MAINTAIN THAT FORM FOR LONG, ESPECIALLY UNDER HEAVY COMBAT.
I CAN STILL SHRIKE TAKE HIM...
HUK...NO. HUK...NEED TO...STAY STRONG...
NO TIME, BIG GUY. WE'VE GOT TO MOVE. THE BOMB WILL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING HERE, ANYWAY.

BLACK DEATH'S CHAMBER
AUGH!
KRASH
SHADOW! THE BOMB IS ARMED! WE'VE GOT NINE MINUTES TO GET TO THE SHUTTLE!
I'M NOT DONE HERE, ROUGE!
MASTER...
TH-THEY'VE ARMED THE BOMB. I CAN'T...I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT...

Oh, YOU'RE DONE ALRIGHT, SHADOW! MOVE IT! THE BOMB--
COULD STILL BE DISRUPTED BY THE BLACK ARMS THROUGHOUT THE COMET! WHEN BLACK DEATH GOES DOWN, SO WILL THE HIVE-MIND! I'M BUYING TIME FOR YOU AND OMEGA.
I'M NOT LEAVING YOU BEHIND AGAIN!
NO. YOU WENT OUT OF YOUR WAY TO SAVE ME. NOW I AM RETURNING THE FAVOR.
WHAT IS IT WITH YOU AND YOUR MARTYR COMPLEX?!
EVERY SECOND SPENT ARGUING IS DELAYING ME. I'LL MAKE IT, ROUGE. I PROMISE.
...YOU AND YOUR PROMISES. EIGHT MINUTES, YOU ULTIMATE-PAIN-IN-THE-BUTT.
UNDERSTOOD.

THE DARK ARMS LARVAE HAVE BEEN LOADED ONTO THE SHUTTLE. THE SHUTTLE IS READY FOR LAUNCH. WELL DONE, MY MINIONS. THE NEXT GENERATION WILL SURVIVE US.
ECLIPSE--YOU ARE NOT BOUND TO THE HIVE-MIND. YOU MUST ESCAPE AND TEND TO THE DARK ARMS.
NNGH! NO! WE CAN STILL WIN THIS! I JUST NEED TO--RRGH!-- DISARM THIS STUPID, STUPID BOMB!
DEFIANT 'TIL THE END. BOTHERSOME CHILD.
BLACK ARMS-- DELAY THE INVADERS AS BEST YOU CAN. IF WE ARE TO DIE, WE WILL TAKE THEM WITH US. I WILL BATTTLE SHADOW UNTIL MY LAST BREATH.
DEATH'S EYE--ATTEND TO ECLIPSE.


WHAT ARE YOU--?! NO! LET ME GO!!
DON'T DO THIS! LET ME HELP YOU! I'LL FIGHT SHADOW THIS TIME! I SWEAR!!
YOU WERE RIGHT! HE NEEDS TO BE DESTROYED! IT'S WHAT YOU BUILT ME FOR! LET ME DO IT!

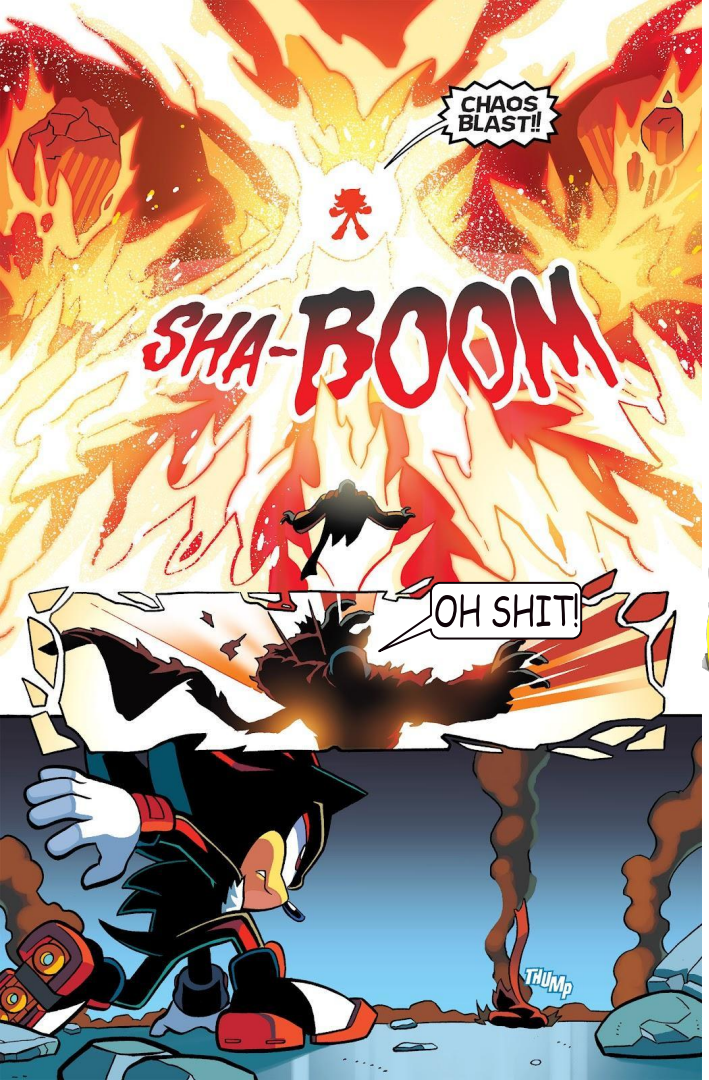
MASTER! I'M SORRY! I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO YOU FROM THE START! LET ME HELP YOU! LET ME SAVE YOU!!
NOOOO!!

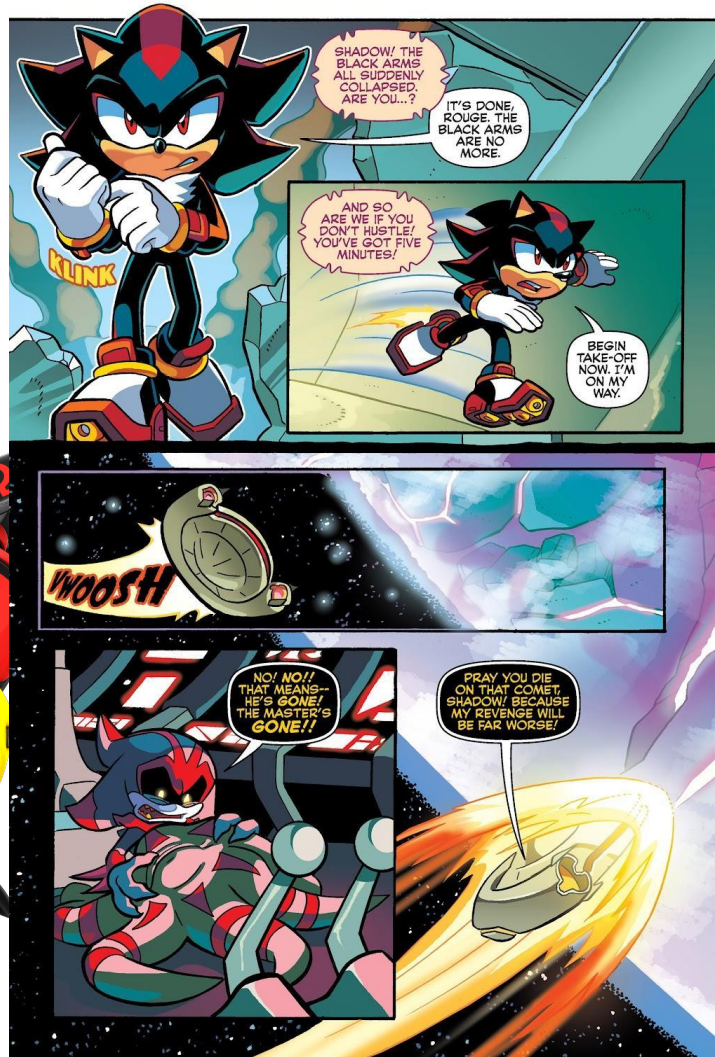
THERE. I HAVE MADE MY PEACE.
GOOD. NOW--WE END THIS.

AND ONCE YOU'VE SLAIN ME, THE CREWLESS BLACK COMET WILL FALL ONTO YOUR WORLD, FINISHING OFF THE SHATTERED MESS!

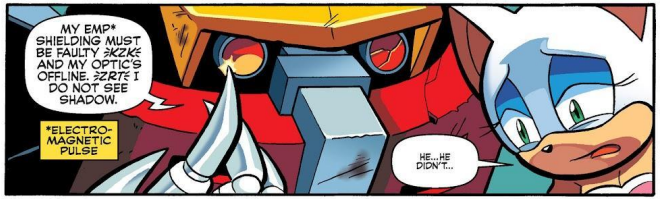
THAT'S WHAT THE BOMB IS FOR, FOOL. THE COMET WILL NEVER TOUCH THE PLANET.

I WILL NOT DIE AS BLACK DOOM DID!!
RRGH... YOU'RE RIGHT. I NEEDED MY SUPER-STATE TO HANDLE HIM. YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND...


CHAOS BLAST!!
SHA-BOOM
OH SHIT!
THUMP


SHADOW! THE BLACK ARMS ALL SUDDENLY COLLAPSED. ARE YOU...?
IT'S DONE, ROUGE. THE BLACK ARMS ARE NO MORE.
KLINK
AND SO ARE WE IF YOU DON'T HUSTLE! YOU'VE GOT FIVE MINUTES!
BEGIN TAKE-OFF NOW. I'M ON MY WAY.
WHOOSH
NO! NO!! THAT MEANS--- HE'S GONE! THE MASTER'S GONE!!
PRAY YOU DIE ON THAT COMET, SHADOW! BECAUSE MY REVENGE WILL BE FAR WORSE!

COUNTDOWN CLOCK: 00: 04: 38
COUNTDOWN CLOCK: 00: 03: 58
COUNTDOWN CLOCK: 00: 02: 10
COUNTDOWN CLOCK: 00: 01: 07
ZRK YOU'VE SNOOPED IN ALL OUR SKSHK FILES. WHAT IS SHADOW'S MAXIMUM NVT TELEPORT RANGE?
I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW. IF HE HAD THE CHAOS EMERALD, IT WOULDN'T MATTER, BUT...
COUNTDOWN CLOCK: 00: 00: 03
COUNTDOWN CLOCK: 00: 00: 01
NO. Y'KNOW WHAT? HE'S AN ARROGANT SO-AND-SO, BUT THAT'S BECAUSE HE CAN BACK IT UP.
IF SHADOW SAYS HE CAN MAKE IT, HE'S GOING TO MAKE--
BREEEEEEP
GOOD-BYE


MY EMP* SHIELDING MUST BE FAULTY. >KZK< AND MY OPTIC'S OFFLINE. >ZRT< I DO NOT SEE SHADOW.
*ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PULSE
HE...HE DIDN'T...

FWASH

GASP!
SHADOW!

YOU JERK! YOU HAD US SCARED TO DEATH! WHAT'S WITH THE DRAMATIC TIMING?!

>KOFF< I COULDN'T TELEPORT FAR ENOUGH, SO I USED THE DECOMPRESSION FROM THE SHUTTLE'S ENTRY POINT TO FLING ME INTO RANGE.
THAT WAS YOUR PLAN?! DIVE FACE-FIRST INTO THE VACUUM OF SPACE?! UNPROTECTED?!
AND IT WORKED. I AM THE ULTIMATE LIFE-FORM.

Oh, FOR THE LOVE OF... >SIGH< AT LEAST IT'S OVER NOW.
THE END!
NEXT PAGE FOR AN OFF PANEL BITCH

G'MORNIN.
MORNING. I'M MAKING MAC AND CHEESE IF YOU WANT SOME.
YEAH, SURE.

IS HE...
...PUTTING THE CHEESE IN BOILING WATER??

...WHAT?
WHY ARE YOU MAKING IT LIKE THAT?
LIKE WHAT?
WHY DID YOU PUT THE CHEESE IN THE WATER?
I ALWAYS DO THAT.
SHADOW. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO ADD THE CHEESE AFTER THE NOODLES ARE COOKED.
WHY WOULD I DO THAT WHEN I CAN JUST ADD IT NOW?

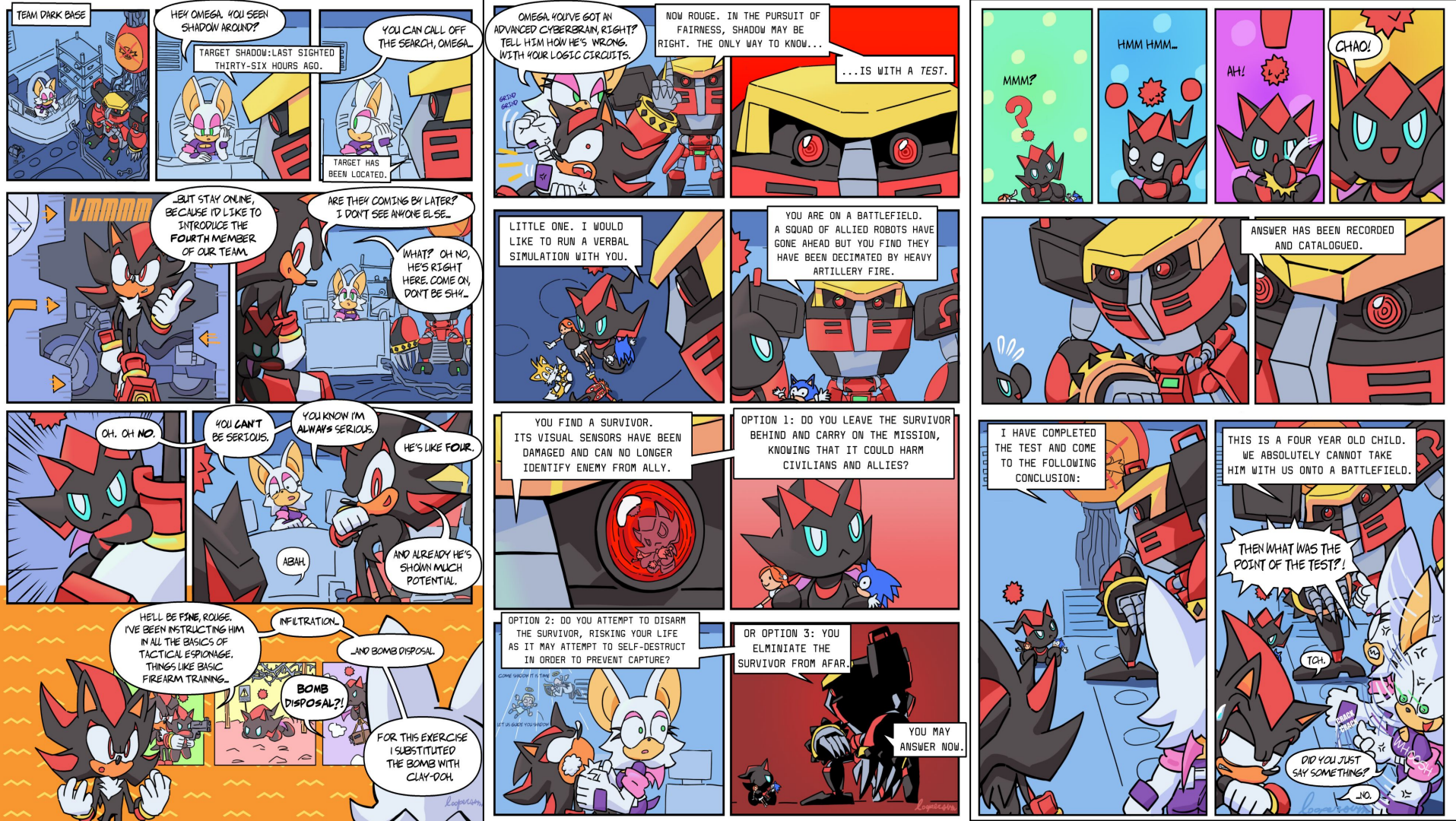
BECAUSE THE DIRECTIONS ARE TO MAKE THE CHEESE SAUCE AFTER THE PASTA.
I'M NOT LETTING A PIECE OF CARDBOARD TELL ME WHAT TO DO.

BUT YOU'RE DOING IT WRONG
HOW? MAC AND CHEESE IS JUST PASTA, WATER, AND CHEESE. SIMPLE.

YOU HAVE SO MUCH WATER THAT YOU'RE JUST MAKING SOUP!!
IT'S NOT WATERY AFTER I STRAIN IT
@FERNSNAILZ
WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CHEESE WHEN YOU STRAIN IT, SHADOW?
THE PASTA ABSORBS IT BEFORE I STRAIN IT

NO KIND OF PASTA CAN ABSORB CHEESE THAT FAST!!
THE MACARONI KIND DOES! THAT'S WHAT THE HOLES ARE FOR!!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO YELLING ABOUT
@FERNSNAILZ

OMEGA TELL SHADOW HE'S MAKING MAC AND CHEESE WRONG
OMEGA TELL ROUGE I CAN MAKE MAC AND CHEESE HOWEVER I WANT
CAN I HAVE SOME
I'M MOVING OUT
@FERNSNAILZ


TEAM DARK BASE
HEY OMEGA. YOU SEEN SHADOW AROUND?
TARGET SHADOW:LAST SIGHTED THIRTY-SIX HOURS AGO.
YOU CAN CALL OFF THE SEARCH, OMEGA...
TARGET HAS BEEN LOCATED.
VMMMM
...BUT STAY ONLINE, BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE FOURTH MEMBER OF OUR TEAM.
ARE THEY COMING BY LATER? I DON'T SEE ANYONE ELSE...
WHAT? OH NO, HE'S RIGHT HERE. COME ON, DON'T BE SHY...
OH. OH NO.
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.
YOU KNOW I'M ALWAYS SERIOUS.
HE'S LIKE FOUR.
AHAH.
AND ALREADY HE'S SHOWN MUCH POTENTIAL.
HE'LL BE FINE, ROUGE. I'VE BEEN INSTRUCTING HIM IN ALL THE BASICS OF TACTICAL ESPIONAGE. THINGS LIKE BASIC FIREARM TRAINING...
INFILTRATION.
...AND BOMB DISPOSAL.
BOMB DISPOSAL?!
FOR THIS EXERCISE I SUBSTITUTED THE BOMB WITH CLAY-DOH.
OMEGA. YOU'VE GOT AN ADVANCED CYBERBRAIN, RIGHT? TELL HIM HOW HE'S WRONG. WITH YOUR LOGIC CIRCUITS.
GET UP GET UP
NOW ROUGE. IN THE PURSUIT OF FAIRNESS, SHADOW MAY BE RIGHT. THE ONLY WAY TO KNOW...
...IS WITH A TEST.
LITTLE ONE. I WOULD LIKE TO RUN A VERBAL SIMULATION WITH YOU.
YOU ARE ON A BATTLEFIELD. A SQUAD OF ALLIED ROBOTS HAVE GONE AHEAD BUT YOU FIND THEY HAVE BEEN DECIMATED BY HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE.
YOU FIND A SURVIVOR. ITS VISUAL SENSORS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED AND CAN NO LONGER IDENTIFY ENEMY FROM ALLY.
OPTION 1: DO YOU LEAVE THE SURVIVOR BEHIND AND CARRY ON THE MISSION, KNOWING THAT IT COULD HARM CIVILIANS AND ALLIES?
OPTION 2: DO YOU ATTEMPT TO DISARM THE SURVIVOR, RISKING YOUR LIFE AS IT MAY ATTEMPT TO SELF-DESTRUCT IN ORDER TO PREVENT CAPTURE?
COME WHOOH IT'S TIME
LET US GUIDE YOU WHOOH
OR OPTION 3: YOU ELMINIATE THE SURVIVOR FROM AFAR.
YOU MAY ANSWER NOW.
MMM?
HMM HMM...
AH!
CHAO!
ANSWER HAS BEEN RECORDED AND CATALOGUED.
I HAVE COMPLETED THE TEST AND COME TO THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSION:
THIS IS A FOUR YEAR OLD CHILD. WE ABSOLUTELY CANNOT TAKE HIM WITH US ONTO A BATTLEFIELD.
THEN WHAT WAS THE POINT OF THE TEST?!
TCH.
WHOOSH
DID YOU JUST SAY SOMETHING?
...NO.

So what now..? Dr. Gerald, Maria, Black Doom, Black Arms...
It seems it's my fate to be alone.
All alone like a boat drifting in the endless ocean called „life"...
With no friends, no family...
Sob
Brother!
...
BANG!
So lonely...
Bastard...
by Cimik 2016

TIME TO DESTROY ALL THE ROBOTS!
I AM A ROBOT TOO.
RIGHT. I MEAN EGGMAN'S ROBOTS.
I AM AN EGGMAN'S ROBOT.
WELL, UH... EVIL. EVIL ONES.
I AM VERY EVIL.
UHHHH...

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
AN EASY FIX?
BY: ISA KIM
. . .
Are you ok, Mr. Robot? What's wrong?
-Chuu
. . .
I don't know how to fix broken feelings.
Oh! Do you need help apologizing to your friend?
-Chuu!
I can help you, Mr. Robot!
... A FEW MINUTES LATER...
?
What is this?
It's From Omega.
FAST FRIENDS FOREVER
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Did you boys finish putting up the Christmas tree?
Affirmative
The Christmas ornament has been successfully placed and accessorized
We couldn't decide between a star or an angel...
...so I went with both
...Looks perfect to me
indigonite

FUTURAMA
AND
HIT-MONKEY
AND
TEAM DARK